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PREFACE

In presenting to the Fellows of the Royal Historical Society this second volume of the 'Collectanea Anglo-Premonstratensia,' a few general remarks appear to be called for by way of introduction. As explained in the Preface to the previous volume, the example of the antiquary Peck has been followed in dealing with the documents of the Premonstratensian Register contained in Ashmole MS. 1519, at the Bodleian Library, Oxford. Peck's transcripts in Additional MS. 4934, at the British Museum, had been arranged by him under two main headings of 'Generalia' and 'Specialia'; and for the convenience of those desiring to refer to these collections, the documents contained in Bishop Redman's Register (Ashmole MS. 1519) were treated in the same way, being amalgamated with those collected by Peck. The first class, 'Generalia,' or documents concerned with the general administration of the Order in England, were printed in the first volume of these 'Collectanea,' and have been for some time in the members' hands.

In this second volume is now printed the first portion of the 'Specialia,' or collection of documents relating to the individual houses of the Premonstratensians, arranged alphabetically. These papers are printed in chronological order, and to make the whole more complete a reference has been given in its proper place to any document previously printed in Vol. I., which has relation also to the history of any individual house. Thus, to take an example, No. 187 of this volume refers to No. 100 of Vol. I.,

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as a document relating to the Abbey of Alnwick, since by it Bishop Redman appoints March 12, 1481, to visit the community by proxy at the Carmelite House at Newcastle-on-Tyne. It has been found impossible to print in this volume much more than about one-half of the material available for the section of 'Specialia'; and the remaining portion, with the index, has been reserved for a third and concluding volume of these 'Collectanea.'

The following is a list of the Premonstratensian houses treated of in the present part: St. Agatha's or Easby (164–182); Alnwick (183–200); Barlings (201–219); Beauchief (220–247); Begham or Bayham (248–260); Bileigh or Maldon (261–270); Blanchland, or Alba Landa (271–290); Brodholm (291–292); Cockersand (293–309); Coverham (310–328); Croxton (329–349); Dale or Stanley Park (350–371); Dodford (372); Durford (373–388); Eggleston (389–411); Hagneby (412–427); Hales Owen (428–448); Hornby (a cell of Croxton); Irford (449).

In relation to these nineteen English Premonstratensian houses, the two hundred and eighty-six documents here printed, nearly all for the first time, afford much new information. The lists of the abbots of the various establishments, for example, have been increased by many additional names furnished by them. In this regard it has been thought useful to prefix to the various sections, containing the papers relating to the abbeys, as complete a list of the superiors as it has been possible to compile. The preparation of these was undertaken for me by Dom H. N. Birt, and it has taken up much of his time and entailed considerable labour. In each case reference is made to the original authority upon which the name is given. For those depending upon the charters in the British Museum, I have to thank especially Mr. J. A. Herbert, of the Department of MSS., who kindly assisted me in this matter. In the references which depend upon the documents printed in this collection, there are given simply the numbers of the documents. Thus to take an example: in the first list—that of St. Agatha's—the name of William Ellerton will be found under the dates 1478–

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1492, and the references are stated as Nos. 62, 174, 73, 175. These are the numbers of the documents printed either in the first volume of the 'Collectanea Anglo-Premonstratensia' or in this.

The papers printed in this 'Specialia' section are mainly lists of the canons in the several houses at various dates from 1478 to 1500, and records of Bishop Redman's visitations during the same periods. In this present volume there are in all some 112 visitations of abbeys, and about the same number of lists of canons. The Commissary of the Abbot of Prémontré was supposed to make the inspection or visitation of the English houses regularly every three years. Bishop Redman was appointed to that office in 1478. He was of course himself a member of the Order, and although he had been consecrated bishop of St. Asaph in 1471, he continued to hold office in the Order as Abbot of Shap, to which he had been chosen in 1459. It was therefore as Abbot Commissary of the Abbot General, and not in any way as a bishop, that Bishop Redman acted as Visitor of the English Province. When, in November 1497, in the regular course of his triennial visitations, he had to come to the abbey of Torre, the bishop was in some difficulty, because the previous year he had been translated from St. Asaph to Exeter, in which diocese the abbey of Torre was situated. He consequently took occasion to regularise his position by declaring that he visited the monastery 'not by virtue of any authority, nor in virtue of his dignity as bishop of Exeter, because he had no lawful right on that account.' On the first day of the visitation, moreover, he called in William Silk, a doctor of laws, and registered a declaration that he was still only acting as Commissary of the Abbot of Prémontré and not as bishop of the diocese (No. 605), and this protestation he repeated at his next visitation in 1500; the object being, as he declared, to safeguard the rights and privileges of this abbey against any possible claims of his successors in the see of Exeter.

I have said that the visitations were made regularly every three years. This is strictly true from 1488, the records being complete

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for 1491, 1494, 1497, 1500, and in some cases 1503. Before 1488, for some reason or other, which it is now impossible to explain, for the first ten years of Bishop Redman's rule as Commissary the visitations are somewhat irregular. Most of the houses were visited in 1478, the date of his appointment by the Abbot of Prémontré, and most also in 1482; but after that till 1488 there would appear to have been nothing in the way of a general visitation. Individual visitations, however, appear to have been made: in the year 1486, as at Coverham; in 1485, as at Blanchland; and even in 1484, as at Croxton. Previous to the time of Bishop Redman, only very few records of these periodical visitations are preserved in these registers. We have, however, notices of one or two special visits to some individual monastery, directed by the Abbot of Prémontré. For example: in the case of Eggleston a visitation of this kind in 1281–2 is printed in this volume (No. 390). In the same way two such visits made to Beauchief, one in 1472 and one in 1475, are printed as Nos. 227, 228, and 229; the only other early record of this nature in the present part being a portion of a visitation held at Begham in 1472 (No. 248).

Before passing on to consider the general story of the life of the Premonstratensian canons in the last quarter of the fifteenth century as it is recalled to us in these visitation documents, it may be well, perhaps, to deal briefly with the information afforded to us by the various lists of canons, which were compiled originally for the use of the visitor. The great variety of the spelling of proper names makes it probable that the visitor's associate and secretary, Richard Bedall, prior of his monastery of Shap, took down the proper names as he heard them. Instances of this are to be found in almost every list: Thomas Welus of Begham in 1472 becomes Willes in 1478, Willans in 1488, and Willus in 1491; so at Beauchief: Thomas Peton in 1475 becomes Ponton in 1478, Peyton in 1482, Patone in 1494, and Peptone in 1500.

The lists here printed illustrate very well the usual custom in mediæval religious houses of calling their subjects by the name of

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the place from which they came. Thus, for instance, in the list of Cockersand (308), we have Lancaster, Preston, Chatburn, Banks, Poulton, Kirkby, Singleton, Bowland, Kelet—that is, almost half the community called by names of places in the county of Lancaster, in which the abbey was situated. So, too, in the long list of twenty-nine canons of Croxton (338) the greater portion of the names—that is, eighteen—can be identified as place-names in counties situated nearest to the abbey. In the same way, among the abbots of Eggleston, considerably more than half of those who were known by more than their Christian names used place-names in Yorkshire, in which county the abbey was situated. In some instances, one list will give the place-names and another the real surname; but this can generally be identified only in the case of those religious who have Christian names rarely used. Thus in the convent of Dale the Ralph Stanton, novice and sacrist in 1488 (364), can certainly be identified as the Ralph Makerelle, deacon and sacrist three years later, in 1491, and as the *alias* Porter of subsequent lists. So, too, at Durford the names of William London and Thomas London appear in the community in 1475 (377); these in 1478 are clearly William Taverner and Thomas Hill (380). Between this and the next catalogue of the religious in 1488, a great sickness appears to have devastated the house. The name of William Taverner of London has disappeared together with others, and a note is appended to the short list of six names stating that 'the rest are dead' (382).

In the same way, from a comparison of these lists, it is sometimes possible to supply a name, surname or Christian name. Thus the Oliver who appears as a priest at Barlings in 1488 (209) is certainly the Oliver Hudilstone of 1497 and 1500 (214, 215), and as he is also called Oliver Kirkby in 1494 (213), it may be almost certainly assumed that he was Oliver Hudilstone, who came from Kirkby in Lincolnshire, five miles from Market Rasen, in which county, of course, the abbey of Barlings was situated. Sometimes in these lists the names almost suggest that the

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influence of one canon has probably, brought another, or others, to religion and to his special house. Thus, at Begham, where the subprior, afterwards the abbot, was Richard of Bexley in Kent, the sacristan in 1491 was Thomas of Greenwich; and a novice, who however apparently did not persevere, was at the same date a certain Thomas of Deptford.

The catalogues of names also frequently tell us incidentally much about the prosperity or decay of the various houses during more than a quarter of a century. Speaking generally, the evidence of these lists goes to prove that there was no falling off in the numbers of religious at the close of the fifteenth century. Indeed, allowing for natural fluctuation, the numbers remained about the same all through this period. This bears out the verdict passed by Dr. Jessopp in regard to the Norwich religious houses about this same time. 'The reader [of the visitations] will be surprised,' he writes, 'to find that there is very little indication of any falling off in the number of the inmates of the religious houses. . . . As far as the evidence contained in the records we have before us in the following pages carries us, there is no sign of any serious falling off in the supply of candidates in the East Anglian religious houses.'[1] This is exactly true in regard to the Premonstratensian house of West Dereham, in Norfolk, which, being an exempt house, was not included in the set of 'Episcopal Visitations' edited by Dr. Jessopp for the Camden Society. The first and last list show practically the same number of canons' names, and although there was apparently a decrease in numbers for a short time about 1488, this from the nature of the lists is not quite certain; and whether it was so or not, the previous numbers were equalled at the beginning of the sixteenth century. The general lesson to be gained from the numerous lists here published, in regard to the common opinion at this period about the religious life, is that there is no evidence of the unpopularity of that mode of life or of any decline in the number of those embracing it.

[1] *Visitations of the Diocese of Norwich*, A.D 1492–1532 (Camden Soc.), introd. xii.

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At periods, and for certain special reasons of poverty and such like, the numbers in some of the smaller Premonstratensian houses declined to very small proportions, but one of the chief efforts of the visitor, in these rare instances, was to oblige the abbot to secure an immediate increase in the number of his subjects—a very difficult matter to accomplish, but which was at once attempted loyally, as there is evidence to show. Thus, to take once more the case of Durford, always a small community. In 1482 Bishop Redman found that nearly all the brethren—(he says '*all*,' but the abbot and two other canons survived)—had been carried away by the plague, and that the work of the house was necessarily at a standstill. The visitor exhorted the abbot, Robert Kypping, to take courage and try to gather together again a working community (381), but by 1488 not much had been accomplished, as the list shows only five names including the abbot, with the note above referred to—'the rest are dead.' The visitor again made a strong representation to the abbot (382), with the result that the next list in 1491 (384) shows that five novices had joined the community, although it is probable that two of their number were but youths, since they are still named as novices in 1500 (388).

From many cases it appears that the time of trial for the novices was frequently of considerable length. Thus at Alnwick, in 1488 the community consisted of three-and-twenty, of whom seven are named as novices under a master called William Felton. In 1491 the same seven are still called 'novices' (196), and only in the list of 1497 are they—or rather six of them, for one has disappeared—entered as the last of the priests, and a fresh six appear as novices (198). On the other hand, at times, no doubt, when there was a great need in the house for a good man and such an one was discovered among the newly professed, a subject was quickly promoted. In this way, at Eggleston, one William Westerdale, the last in the community in 1478 (399), appears as subprior ten years later (403). The rapid promotion was evidently

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justified, since he succeeded as abbot some time between 1494 and 1497 (409).

Sometimes, with the help of these lists, it is interesting to follow the career of one who was ultimately chosen abbot. To take a couple of examples: in 1494 Richard Nottingham appears for the first time as abbot of Dale (369). In the first list we possess, that of 1475, he is set down as 'cantor' (356); in 1478 he holds the office of 'circator,' or guardian of the religious observances of the abbey (359); four years later he is subprior (361). In 1488, however, he has left the house, and is gaining experience of outside work as vicar of Heanor, near Belper (364), which office he held till called back to rule his house as abbot some time before 1494. Again, take the case of Croxton: in 1475 the name of Helias Sherwood appears in a low place among the priests (333), in 1482 he is subprior, and three years later prior of the cell of Hornby. In 1491 he is elected abbot of Croxton under the name of Elias Attercliffe (343), he being called in the list of the community at that date, Helias Hatersatage (345).

An unusual and a somewhat curious piece of information is afforded in the list of the community of Dodford Priory, a cell of Hales Owen. There were, in 1505, at the election of Edmund Grayne, prior of Hornby, as abbot of Hales Owen, a prior and ten professed canons at the cell of Dodford, and against their names in the list (372) is set the name of the canon for whom they gave their votes, no doubt merely as a preliminary, since apparently only the prior was present at the actual election, which was conducted not by voting, but *per modum inspirationis*, or acclamation. However, it is of interest to see that, in this preliminary voting at Dodford, the prior and three others gave their suffrages to a canon of their own house, Richard Hay, of Hampton, vicar of Clent, whilst the subprior and five others nominated the prior of Hornby, Edmund Grayne, who was subsequently chosen, and whose name first appears as the last but one in the community of Croxton in 1484 (340); but who was already vicar of Melling in 1488 (341),

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and succeeded Elias Attercliffe at Hornby, on the latter's election as abbot of Croxton in 1491.

Another point that may be mentioned, as illustrated by the lists of abbeys, is the time usually taken to prepare a novice and to pass him through the various grades of holy orders preparatory to the priesthood. There does not appear to have been any very definite rule in the matter, and the time varied in different houses, partly according to the need of the individual abbey for subjects, partly, no doubt, according to the degree of preparation the subject had undergone before his entry into religion. The example of Hales Owen may be taken as illustrative of the information accorded to us by the lists here printed. In 1488 (440) there were four novices at the abbey, who possibly may have entered the novitiate a year or so before this date. In the next list for 1491 (442) one of these novices had become a priest, two had been made deacons, and the remaining one was not yet in sacred orders. In 1494 (444) the two deacons were the last two of the priests; the fourth novice of 1488, who had now been at least six years in the Order, had been advanced only to the diaconate. At this same time three others, who had been noted as being 'acolytes' three years before (1491), had moved up one step and are now set down as sub-deacons. The same list shows that one novice of three years' standing had received the minor orders, but that three others were still novices unordained.

A second example may be cited in the case of Barlings, where in 1494 four novices are said to have been lately tonsured in the Order (213). In 1497 they are still novices (214), and in 1500 three of them are still only deacons, the fourth apparently having failed in the trial. It would appear, therefore, that something like six to eight years was the time generally devoted to the training of their subjects among the Premonstratensians, and further that their students were frequently kept many years in the novitiate before being allowed to bind themselves to the Order by any life vows.

Besides the visitation documents of Bishop Redman, a few

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earlier documents, chiefly known through Peck's transcripts, are printed among the records of the various houses to which they belong. To some of them we may now refer. A good many of these papers relate to early elections in the fourteenth and fifteenth centuries, and to difficulties in the houses which had led to them. Thus in the case of Beauchief, a letter written in English in 1461 by one of the canons, John Swyft, to the abbot of Welbeck, brings charges of misgovernment against his abbot (220). As John Swyft was at the time a prisoner for some offences, we might possibly be inclined to discount what he says in some degree, if we did not know something more. He, however, declares that 'the articles of things to be reformed,' made at the last visitation, were a dead letter, and he hints at other grave matters. The abbot of Welbeck, superior of the mother-house, thought it necessary to beg Bishop Redman to proceed at once to make a special visitation, as Commissary of the Abbot of Prémontré (221).

The bishop-visitor acceded to the request; in February 1462 he went to Beauchief, and after holding an inquiry found the abbot, John Downham, guilty of dilapidation, incontinence, and perjury. Moreover, the incriminated superior, who had fled from the monastery in company with seven of his canons, who supported him, did not appear when cited. He thus added constructive rebellion to his other offences; and Bishop Redman, having exhausted the regular processes of citation, deposed him from his office (222) and solemnly excommunicated him and those who sided with him (223). After this the abbot of Welbeck proceeded to the election of an abbot to take the place of the deposed prelate, and on the 27th of February, 1462, the subprior and six canons were chosen to elect their new superior (225). After the usual preliminaries their choice fell upon John Swyft, the actual writer of the letter which had set in motion the canonical inquiry that ended in John Downham's deposition (224). The election of John Swyft was followed, a couple of months later, by the formal

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renunciation of the deposed abbot and his opinions by the excommunicated canons, by their absolution, and by their return to the obedience of the new abbot of Beauchief (226).

In the case of Cockersand, an early document of 1403, written by the abbot of Welbeck to two other English abbots of the Order, also deals with a case of proposed deprivation of office. Thomas de Burgh, the abbot, had refused to be present at two preceding General Chapters, and had not only neglected to carry out the ordinances passed in them, but had obstinately refused to do so when specially admonished. To answer those charges and other matters proved at the last visitation of his house, the abbot was to be cited to appear at Beauchief. He was to be duly warned that he would have to answer to the charge of continuing to exercise his office, making use of his pontificalia and occupying his stall, after he had legally ceased to hold his office through the *ipso facto* deposition which followed on his contumacious behaviour (294). Unfortunately, no other document in this case has been preserved; but it would appear that the incriminated abbot must have succeeded in averting the judgment of his fellow abbots from himself, as his name certainly appears later.

As a document of another kind, among these early papers may be instanced an election record for Dale Abbey, which is dated August 14, 1332. It registers the choice of William de Horsley, made on the resignation of John de Woodhouse, and as it is a good sample of a Premonstratensian election, it may be given at some length. As was generally the case in this Order, apparently, or at any rate in the English branch of it, the mode of election was that known as *per modum compromissi*. The abbot of Newhouse, the mother-house of Dale, was represented by William, abbot of Langdon, who presided at the election, assisted by the abbot of Hales Owen. After the Mass of the Holy Ghost had been sung, the electors assembled in the chapter-house and the usual monition was read, warning any who might be excommunicated or suspended to take no part in the coming ceremony. This was followed by

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the public reading of the chapter of the Premonstratensian Statutes which dealt with the creation of abbots; after this the community declared its wish to proceed by the method of *compromissum*, which entailed placing the actual election in the hands of some only of the canons who had been chosen for the purpose. In this case the prior, subprior, and three other members of the community were selected, and all promised that they would receive whomsoever these electors might, within a certain limited number of hours, make choice of as their superior. After much consultation, the chosen electors, seeing that their votes would almost certainly fall upon one of their own number, William de Horsley, this canon was asked to retire from the place of their meeting in order that his fitness might be freely discussed by the remaining four. This he did, and in the result he was elected. The community were then called back to the chapter-house, and the subprior, Thomas de Tickhill, in his own name and that of the other electors, and by their request, published the result to the rest of the brethren. At the same time they begged the confirmation of their choice from the presiding abbot; he, having first made all the necessary inquiries and obtained the assent of the elect, approved the election. Upon this the *Te Deum* was intoned, and, singing it, the community conducted the new abbot to the church, where he was first placed in the abbatial stall, and then, as a token of his jurisdiction and power to rule, the ropes of the bells were placed in his hand. After this all returned to the chapter-house, where the seal of his office was handed to him, and one by one the canons came and, kneeling before him, kissed his hand as a token of their obedience to him as their new superior (350).

Lastly, in regard to these early documents, a series relating to Eggleston Abbey deserves some passing notice. It appears that some time between 1281 and 1287 a report gravely affecting the character of the abbot of Eggleston was carried to the Abbot at Prémontré and the other abbots of the Order assembled in General Chapter. They at once directed a commission of abbots to proceed

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to the abbey, and there, on the spot, to make a full inquiry into the charges (389). Acting in obedience to this order, the appointed commissioners assembled at Eggleston, where, after full and careful inquiry, they declared the abbot entirely innocent of all the charges which had been made against him. These they trace to a conspiracy of three unworthy canons, two of whom were sent to expiate their offences in other monasteries (390). Five other documents of the same period (391–396) deal with a difficulty which had arisen at Eggleston between the abbot and his community, and which had led to either the resignation or deposition of the superior. The matter was taken up by Adam, abbot of Prémontré, who, some time about 1309, ordered that the abbot should be restored to office; but that if this were found to be impossible for any reason, then a place befitting his dignity should be assigned to him at Welbeck. Apparently this restoration was found on inquiry to be out of the question, and the alternative course had to be adopted. Difficulties, however, now arose on the part of the abbot of Welbeck, who not unnaturally objected to receive the late abbot of Eggleston, because the community of that house refused to pay a proper pension for his support at Welbeck, and he had appealed on the matter to Prémontré. The case dragged on till in 1313, when the abbot of Prémontré gave full powers to the abbot of Newhouse to settle the question of the late abbot's abode by placing him wherever he pleased. Upon this the abbot of Torre was commanded to take him into his monastery.

As already pointed out, the greater number of the documents here printed relate to Bishop Redman's own administration of the Order in England, as Commissary of the Abbot General of Prémontré, from 1478 till 1505, the year of the bishop's death. These papers, with some few exceptions, are records of his visitations, which were made with praiseworthy regularity and evident care. They clearly manifest his desire to maintain good discipline in the houses of his Order, and his determination to punish most

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rigorously any falling away from regular observance, and still more any breach of morality that was reported to him which, upon strict inquiry, he found to be proven.

It should be realised what these visitations really were. That they were not mere formalities is obvious on the face of the documents; they were made at regular intervals; and, considering the distances which had to be covered between the houses, they were carried out at great inconvenience to the bishop, and with no little physical labour. After the formal opening of the inquiry in the chapter-house of the abbey the visitor made an address explaining the meaning of visitations, the intention of the Church in instituting them, and declared the strict obligation which was incumbent on all of making known to him anything which might appear to them in any way to call for his correction. The visitor then assumed during the time of his visit all the authority of the local abbot or superior, and one by one the members of the community were called to him and separately questioned as to the state of the house, as to their own lives, and as to what they knew about the religious observance of the community at large. Notes of what had subsequently to be considered, and if necessary corrected, were kept for the personal guidance of the visitor, and these were generally known as the *Comperta* of the inquiry. In the case of serious charges, a formal and legal inquiry was held; the verdict of what was practically a jury, composed of the brethren of the religious incriminated, was taken, and judgment was given by the visitor in accordance with the finding. Then followed the publication of the decrees of the visitation and their record in the register of the visitor. The inquiry was concluded, if necessary, by the punishment of those who might be found guilty of offences against the statutes of the Order.

So much with regard to the formal part of visitations, such as are recorded in the present volume. On the face of the documents, which are the official records of the results, it is impossible for the most prejudiced mind not to admit that wrongdoing was

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never tolerated by the authorities, and that the punishments meted out were sufficiently drastic at least to prove their honesty of purpose. If wrongdoing existed, as unfortunately was the case in some instances here recorded, we have proof positive that it was not the result of the system, but took place in consequence of the degradation of human nature, which was possible in monk and canon as in secular priest and layman, and in spite of the strengthening assistance given in the religious life and all the checks furnished by rules and visitations. If religious fell, as sometimes they did, it was because they were human and were carried away by their passions, notwithstanding their helps and safeguards, just as a priest might make shipwreck, notwithstanding the grace of his ordination, or a layman in spite of the Christian Sacraments. At the same time, it must be remembered that the whole purpose of such visits was to detect and correct what was amiss, and not to record or praise the daily round of service according to rule. Hence ordinarily only that which is irregular and blameworthy finds a place in visitation documents, and the rest, if it be normal and godlike, is passed over in silence, although in these special documents Bishop Redman not infrequently bears testimony to the excellent state of this or that monastery.

It will be readily admitted that it does not require much art or knowledge, on the part of any would-be literary *chiffonnier* routing among the records of the past, to fill up his basket with the soiled rags of frail humanity. But no one, who did not find a peculiar delight in bending over such garbage and so obscuring his mental vision, could suppose that such a collection was history. As well might we measure the morality of the present day by the police cases and the annals of the divorce court, without taking into account numberless other considerations, which would certainly mitigate the severity of any judgment we might, perhaps, be inclined to pass if we were to look only at the sordid details of modern life as revealed to us in the columns of the daily press.

We are now in a position to make a brief examination of some

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of the visitation documents during Bishop Redman's period of office here printed. These number over a hundred for the various abbeys dealt with in this part of the 'Specialia.' Taking a general survey in the first place, these reports may be arranged in regard to the general information they afford about the state of the various houses. In the case of no less than sixty-five of these visits Bishop Redman records that their general character, their tone, and their discipline, were 'excellent,' or were so good that he found nothing of any serious nature to correct. He makes use of such expressions in their regard as the following: 'Having made a strict inquiry, we have found that unity, charity, and peace reign in this community; and through the worthy government of the abbot, and the true and filial obedience of the religious, both the temporal and the spiritual affairs of the monastery are in a flourishing state' (168); or, 'We have not found much to correct here, but by the prudent watchful care of the abbot all is well governed, to God's praise and the honour of our Order' (171); or again, in connection with Croxton: 'Here, from the depositions of the brethren, our soul was rejoiced because we found nothing [to correct], since both outside and inside the monastery all things are fittingly arranged' (348). Of some of the houses in this class the Bishop uses language, if somewhat less laudatory, yet sufficient to show that 'religion was right well kept in them.'

Beyond these first sixty-five, twenty of the other visitations may be regarded as satisfactory; for, although in Bishop Redman's opinion there was much room for improvement in discipline, still they were untouched by the voice of scandal. In the case of St. Agatha's, for example, in 1497, he had to punish one of the canons, John Tanfield, for being absent from Prime without permission, and another for having left the enclosure to come and meet him when arriving for the visit. At the same place silence was not well kept, and there was too much going out of the dormitory between Compline and Prime, and the superior did not make it his first business to be at choir duties with the brethren (179).

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Another instance, and, as some may perhaps consider, a case of more serious levity, occurs in the visitation of Barlings in 1482. The abbot had been newly created, and so the state of discipline was not attributable to him. Bishop Redman found it necessary to enjoin the superior to see that women were excluded from the precincts of the monastery, especially any against whom there might be the slightest suspicion. The introduction of new fashions in the dress of the canons likewise troubles the mind of the visitor, especially the practice of using 'korkes and patans' in place of the regulation sandals. The visitor adds that he finds 'the monastery possessed of a good reputation' (206).

The third, and happily very small, division of these visitation documents, I have called distinctly 'bad.' As an instance, the case of Eggleston in 1502 may be cited. Bishop Redman was unable to make the visitation himself, and deputed two abbots to make it in his stead. He had heard that public rumour in the neighbourhood gave the place a bad name, which on inquiry the abbot's commissioners thought to be justified. Both on the part of the abbot and his subjects they 'detected,' or held to be proven, certain grave matters (*enormia*). What these were does not exactly appear, but from the injunctions it is reasonable to conclude that they were faults against good discipline rather than against common morality. They ordered the abbot, 'on pain of deposition,' to 'reform his conduct,' to correct his subjects properly, to attend to the common choir duties, and, 'as a good shepherd,' to watch over his flock lest it be ravaged by wolves. All were exhorted and ordered to put an end to the quarrels which had existed in the house, and about which absolute silence was enjoined. Henceforth no boys are to be allowed in the common dormitory; and, without the common consent of the community, no house or property of the abbey is to be leased or mortgaged. Finally, as the visitors were not able to obtain a satisfactory statement of accounts, they order a full and complete one to be made for them within fourteen days (411).

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Lastly, in this division of these visitations, according to the report given of the state of the house, there is one in which I have placed all those in which some grave moral fault was detected in the course of the inquiry. These are twelve in number; and if we include two cases where the inquiry into the facts was held over (245 and 281), they are fourteen. In four cases charges of immorality more or less grave were made against two individuals in a house (229, 304, 368, and 445). In all, then, during the last five-and-twenty years of the fifteenth century over which these visitations extend, the records show some sixteen cases of admitted or proved incontinency, and possibly two more doubtful cases. In this period no fewer than 1,806 canons presented themselves, including, of course, several occasions of different visitations, and were examined and interrogated by the visitor during his visitation. Of these 1,806, in the quarter of the century, eighteen at most—that is, barely 1 per cent.—were charged with any crime whatsoever against morality.

In four cases those accused of incontinence were able to establish their innocence. For example, a canon of Alnwick, named William Hynmers, was charged in the visitation of 1482 with perjury, dilapidation of the goods of his house by pledging what belonged to the church he served, and finally with crime committed with a woman named Moriota Cowper. Of this latter charge, says the record, 'he legally cleared himself,' but was found guilty of the other counts, and was punished by being sent to another monastery—namely, that of Dale—for the rest of his life (188). So, too, at Coverham, one of the canons was charged with the gravest fault, but denied it and established his innocence before his superior (312). So, once more, at Hales Owen, two canons were charged with crime; one was found guilty and punished, whilst the other, stoutly denying the accusation, demanded a trial by six of his brethren, and in the event cleared himself (432).

In regard also to those houses where serious crimes were found

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to be proven, two things should in fairness be borne in mind: first, that individuals only were implicated, and against the rest of the community nothing whatever was alleged; and, secondly, that those found guilty were punished with exemplary severity. To take one example: in his visitation made at Begham in 1491, Bishop Redman found one of the canons, Thomas Studley, charged with incontinence. He denied the accusation, but although he was given the opportunity of proving his innocence he failed to do so, and was found guilty. The Bishop sentenced him to forty days' fasting on bread and water, to be followed by three years' seclusion in the abbey of Newhouse. This last part of the punishment, however, was held over till the next Chapter, in the hope that by his good conduct he might purge himself of his fault; but on the understanding that, should he not keep his promises in the matter, he should be placed in perpetual confinement (255). This is a fair sample of the punishment awarded to a delinquent of this nature, except that generally the culprit was actually sent at once to some other monastery for three, seven, or ten years, to live there without any of the rights belonging to a member of the community, and with the loss of what was known as his 'active and passive voice'—that is, he could neither give his vote for any superior or official, or be chosen to any office, during the years of his punishment. In the face of these documents, then, it is impossible to suggest that the superiors did in any way tolerate serious abuses; for, on the contrary, they endeavoured to prevent them by the severe punishments they dealt out in the individual cases where guilt was proved.

As already pointed out, the visitations were mainly concerned with matters of discipline, some examples of which may now be given. The silence, which by rule had to be kept at certain times and in certain places, was a constant source of care to the visitor, and he is frequently enjoining more watchfulness on the part of superiors and more recollection of the rule on the part of subjects (*e.g.* 190, 192, 227, 231, &c.). The question of enclosure was also raised very frequently at the time of these visits. The canons were

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often reminded of their obligation to keep within the limits of the abbey grounds, unless they had obtained the permission of their superior to leave them for any sufficient reason (*e.g.* 177, 458). The constant use of the word 'apostate,' applied to those who had broken this monastic regulation, shows undoubtedly the importance set upon this observance, which, with 'silence,' was regarded as among the *claves religionis*—'the keys of the religious life'; but without a word of warning the meaning of the expression might be taken in altogether too serious a light.

Bishop Redman evidently watched most carefully during the time he was making his visitations to detect anything like the beginning of an abuse. Sometimes he specially put into his record a note to the effect that although his attention had not been called to this or that small matter, he had himself noticed it, and desired that it should be corrected. At one abbey it is a question of dress (*e.g.* 206, 210, 212, 302); or the shape of the tonsure and the length of the hair (227, 237, &c.); or the introduction or omission of some ceremony in the church (*e.g.* 177, 195, 296, 297, &c.); at another it is some mistake that had been made in the public reading or the church ceremonial, which he corrects, and for which he assigns some such penance as the recitation of a few psalms in the cloister.

On some matters the bishop was rightly severe. The spreading about of stories, for example (192); any disputing of the authority of the superior (247); talking over the affairs of the Order or discussing the proceedings of Visitations and Chapters with outsiders (298, 443); quarrels with brethren &c., are noted and corrected (254, 264, 307, &c.). In one case at Eggleston, a serious quarrel between two of the canons seems to have caused the death of one of them. The Bishop, although satisfied that the survivor was not morally guilty, nevertheless, to quiet public opinion, which ran high, punished him by forty days of fasting and seven years' reclusion in another monastery. As a probable consequence of this unfortunate mischance, in the same visitation Bishop Redman

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prohibits the using of long knives in the girdles of the brethren (408).

The visitation documents here printed also reveal to us the fact that there were several of the monasteries, at the close of the fifteenth century, where the material buildings were evidently much dilapidated. Thus at Begham, in 1478, the Bishop found the dormitory, kitchen, refectory, hall, and in fact all the monastic buildings, in urgent need of repair (252). So, too, at the same time, Blanchland was in great poverty and its buildings were in ruins (278); the cloister of Durford was falling down (381), and it became necessary in 1494 to undertake the rebuilding of the whole of it (385). On the other hand, some of the superiors had been active in repairing and building new additions to their monasteries. In 1500, for example, the Bishop records 'elegant additions to the church' of Bileigh, 'and the repairs done to its windows' (270). At Coverham, also, in 1491, the abbot had done so much in the way of repairs to the church and other portions of his house 'that,' says the visitor, 'he ought to be regarded really as a new founder rather than as a mere repairer' (322).

In other documents we have indications of some of the church ceremonies, of the introduction of new feasts (*e.g.* 351, 358, &c.), and directions as regards others, as well as in respect to the traditional music, which Bishop Redman required to be rigidly adhered to. The minute details of all these things must necessarily be passed over almost unnoticed in this brief introduction. Matins in some places was a difficulty—and we might add a natural difficulty—to the weak, and the visitor had to insist that all should rise at midnight and take their share in this part of their divine service (*e.g.* 192, 255, 307, &c). That he was not harsh in this matter, however, we learn from the dispensation, which he gave at Hagneby in 1491, to two canons, granting them 'by reason of age and infirmity' a general permission to stay away from the choir (421).

Of the points of discipline corrected in the course of these

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periodical visits the most serious would appear to be: (1) at Alnwick, in 1482, while the house was declared to be in a good state and nothing very wrong was 'detected' by the bishop's inquiry, he yet found that there was a practice springing up of giving the community 'a regular supper' on the Saturdays. No doubt the intention was good; probably it was to secure for the brethren in this northern monastery some little additional strength for the Sunday labour. Bishop Redman strongly disapproved: it was against the custom of the Order and was to be stopped instantly (188). (2) Still more objectionable in the eyes of Bishop Redman was the practice of allowing drinking (*potationes*) after Compline. He finds that several have taken to the practice at St. Agatha's, and as he considers 'many sicknesses are caused by it' he forbids it, unless with permission, which is to be given with great caution (177). At Beauchief, those who drink in this way are unable to rise for the night offices (228), and at Blanchland the practice is also found to exist and is prohibited (290). (3) Attendance at 'spectacles' (247), hunting (282), games of chance for money (365) are all forbidden in different visitations as not proper to the life of a regular. So, too, is the practice of eating in houses within a league or so of the monastery (255, 365, 441).

However, when the things to be observed and corrected are set down in the form of a catalogue, there does not appear to have been very much amiss after all with the lives of the Premonstratensian canons at this time, especially when it is remembered that the life was in all conscience hard enough. It entailed rising at midnight; long hours in the church; much chanting and singing; coarse food varied with much fasting; silence and the constant self-repression which life in the cloister, with perhaps unsympathetic superiors and uncongenial brethren, frequently entailed.

Finally, in this Introduction it is well, perhaps, to note that these visitations were intended for superiors as much as for subjects; and Bishop Redman shows his impartiality by frequently admonishing the abbots of neglected duties towards those under

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them. For example: at Beauchief, in 1478, the Bishop finds that there are no proper choir stalls, and the abbot is warned to provide them as soon as possible (231). At Blanchland he is urged to increase the number of the community; is reminded that it is his duty to provide a washerwoman, a tailor, and a barber for the canons (288); and, a few years later, he is severely blamed for not having carried out this order (290). In only two cases, however, does there appear to have been any question as to the quality and quantity of the food supplied to the religious. At Dale, in 1478, there were some complaints, and the visitor was informed that this had been the occasion of much grumbling. Bishop Redman commands the superior to furnish fit and proper food and drink for his community (358). At Hales Owen, the same year, similar complaints were made at the visitation, especially about the bread, which was declared to be 'both too little in quantity and not made of wheat' (432).

Sufficient, and possibly more than sufficient, has been said to give the reader some idea of the contents of the documents printed in this volume. A short *précis* of each paper, similar to those printed in the first volume, will be found in the present instalment of the work. It is, however, well to warn the reader that these notes do not pretend to give a full account of all contained in the documents; they afford merely the briefest possible indication of their contents.

I have only to add that the abbreviations adopted in Volume I. have been maintained in this also, namely:—

P = Peck's transcript, now in the British Museum, Additional MS. 4934.
A = Redman's Register, now in the Bodleian Library, Ashmole MS. 1519.
'Reg. Prem.' = the references given by Peck to the Register copied by him.

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ERRATA IN VOLUME I.

P. xxxvi. l. 7, *for* In No. 111 in the last section *read* In No. 111 in the last section but one.
P. 2, line 1, *for* nos *read* vos; line 18 *for* cautam *read* causam.
P. 4 (No. 4), line 9, *after* competenter *insert* [vocati].
P. 4, last line, *for* pariant *read* pareant.
P. 6, six lines from bottom, *for* exculcatores *read* excusatores.
P. 15, line 5, *before* aliquam *insert* [ad].
P. 16 (No. 10), line 8, *for* presument *read* presumant.
P. 16 (No. 10), line 10, *for* utilibus *read* utilia.
P. 129, 7 lines from bottom, *for* forma *read* formam.
P. 191 (No. 101), *for* 1492 *read* 1493.
P. 227, line 1, *for* 38 *read* 138.
P. 251 (No. 158), *for* 1 April, 1193, *read* 28 March, 1119, and transfer comma *after* tercio to *before* it.

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COLLECTANEA ANGLO–PREMONSTRATENSIA.

PART II. SPECIALIA.

I. SAINT AGATHA'S *or* EASBY.

THIS abbey was founded from Newhouse in 1152, not far from Richmond in Yorkshire.

The following incomplete list of abbots has been compiled from various sources; the dates are those at which the names of the abbots appear: when no source is given the name will be found in the *Monasticon*.

1162 (oc.)	Ralph (Eg. MS. 2827, f. 307; *Yorks. Archæol. Soc.* xvii. p. 45).
t. H. II.	Marten (*Stowe Ch.* 509).
1204–1209.	Geoffrey (Eg. MS. 2827, ff. 282 b, 289 b; *Surtees Soc.* xciv. p. 91).
1224–1228.	Elias (*Yorks. Archæol. Soc.* xvii. p. 45).
1230.	Roger (ibid.; Eg. MS. 2827, f. 283).
1241–1246.	Henry (Eg. MS. *ut sup.* ff. 284 b, 285).
1251–1255.	William (*Yorks. Archæol. Soc.* xvii. p. 45).
1284–1300.	John de Castro (ibid.).
1302.	Thomas (ibid.).
1302.	Richard de Bermingham (ibid.).
1307.	William de Erlon, or Erghum (ibid.).
1309.	Roger de Walda (*Cal. Rot. Pat.* 3 Ed. II.; No. 3).
1310.	William de Burelle (*Yorks. Archæol. Soc. ut sup.*).

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1313. A. abbot (*Cal. Rot. Pat.* 6 Ed. II. p. 45).
1315. Philip de Siggerston (ibid.).
1321. Nigell de Treby (Torre's *Archd. of Richmond*, p. 1484).
1328. John de Perkabriggs or Pertebrig (*Yorks. Archæol. Soc. ut sup.*).
1330. John de Thexton (ibid.).
1345. Thomas de Harley or Haxley (ibid.).
1412. John (ibid.).
1422. Robert (ibid.).
1449. Richard Hilton (Torre, *ut sup.*).
1469–1470. Robert Preston (Eg. MS. 2827, f. 222 b).
1470–1475. William York (No. 165).
1478–1492. William Ellerton (Nos. 62, 174, 73, 175).
1491–1493. William Clynte (Nos. 62, 101).
1493–1500. William Lingard (Nos. 178, 181).
1511–1522. Robert Bampton (*Yorks. Archæol. Soc. ut sup.* p. 45; *Valor Eccl.* v. p. 235).

1339–1404. **164. Bull of Boniface IX. to St. Agatha's.**

Leave to wear linen rochets &c.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 142.)

6 June, 1475. **165. Names of the Community of St. Agatha's.**

SANCTE AGATHE.

A. fol. 6 b.

Dominus Willelmus York, abbas.
Frater Willelmus Strinsall, prior.
Robertus Ledys, canonicus de Gersdale.[1]
Johannes Praunce.
Thomas Selby.
Thomas Berton, cantor.
Thomas Bukler.
Robertus Hoton.
Johannes Tanfelde.
Willelmus Ellyrton, celerarius.
Johannes Nym, circator.
Thomas Danby.
Johannes Clerk.

[1] *I.e.* Garsdale, Yorks. W. R., seventeen miles from Kirkby Lonsdale.

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Willelmus Horseforth.
Robertus Claton.
Willelmus Lingard.
Willelmus Clyntts.
Johannes Pacok.
Robertus Kerwour, vicarius de Manfelde.[1]
Henricus Myton, vicarius de Eseby.

166. General Questions at the Visitations of St. Agatha's.

Answers to Bishop Redman at his Visitation.

S. Agathe cenobium [prope Castrum de Richmund]. P. fol. 5 (Reg. Prem. 18 a.)
in [Comitatu et]
diocesi Ebor.
Anno Domini MCLII.
[a Roaldo Constabulario] fundatum est,
in honore S. Agathe.
Abbas de Newhous est pater abbas.
Cenobium de Eleston filia est S. Agathe.
Diversas habet ecclesias & cantarias, quarum canonici sunt curati, set tantum duo perpetui.
Dominus de Scrope de Bolton est fundator (sive patronus).

167. Names of the Community of St. Agatha's. 1478.

SANCTE AGATHE.

Dominus de Scrope de Bolton est fundator. Abbas de Neuhouse est pater abbas. Diversas habet ecclesias et cantarias, quarum canonici sunt curati sed tantum duo perpetui. Fundatum erat dictum monasterium in honore sancte Agathe, anno Domini M° C° lii°. A. fol. 23.

NOMINA FRATRUM.

Dominus Willelmus Ellyrton, abbas.
Frater Willelmus Strinsall, prior.
,, Johannes Nym, supprior.

[1] *I.e.* Manfield, Yorks. W. R., five miles from Darlington.

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Frater Robertus Ledes.
„ Johannes Praunce.
„ Thomas Barton.
„ Thomas Buklar.
„ Robertus Hoton.
„ Johannes Tanfeld.
„ Thomas Danby.
„ Johannes Clerk, circator.

Frater Willelmus Horsfurth.
„ Robertus Claton.
„ Willelmus Lyngard.
„ Willelmus Clyntts.
„ Johannes Pacok.
„ Willelmus Holbruke, preter vicarios et alios extra.

13 Sept., 1478. **168. Visitation of St. Agatha's.**

Condition in all things excellent: enjoined abbot to treat his predecessor generously: regulations made about dress. Nothing found to correct or refer to General Chapter. At last visit the house owed 100 *marks, now* [£100]. *Sufficiency of grain &c.*

VISITACIO SANCTE AGATHE.

A. fol. 15 b. Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXVIII°, mensis Septembris die xiii°, Nos Ricardus &c. visitavimus monasterium Sancte Agathe, nostri Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis. Diligenti facta inquisicione comperimus in hac congregacione unitatem, caritatem et pacem; et ex abbatis notabili provisione, veraque conventus filiali obediencia, uterque status viget monasterii. Injunximus domino abbati ut in
fol. 16. omnibus et per omnia suo predecessori ministret || cum favore, in pensione et victualibus suis, que ministranda sunt, et honor debitus ab omnibus professis juxta laudabilem consuetudinem prelatorum resignancium in Ordine nostro usitatam, intus et extra sibi impendatur. Precipimus etiam sub pena contemptus ut omnes professi utantur amictibus suis sub cappis suis [intus] et extra. Alia non comperimus corrigenda seu Capitulo generali referenda. In ultima visitacione debuit dictum monasterium c marcas, modo vero [c. li] [1] De grano et aliis ad sufficienciam provisum.[2] Datum &c.

[1] Supplied from the next document. [2] In MS. *provisa*.

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169. Visitation of St. Agatha's. 18 April, 1482.

Bishop Redman punishes a fugitive and apostate canon: gives regulations for the dormitory: declares the house to be in a good state.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXII, xviii die Aprilis, Nos Ricardus &c. visitavimus monasterium sancte Agathe, nostri Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis, ubi comperimus fratrem Johannem Nym fugitivum et apostatam, quem excommunicavimus et excommunicatum, sedentes pro tribunali, declaravimus. Precipimus etiam abbati ut provideat calefactorium conventui, ante horam prandii et post, temporibus necessitatis et frigoris: et ut prior sit circumspectus circa fratres suos ut inibi sint religiose conversati, sine aliqua dissolucione. Necnon etiam sub pena unius diei in pane et aqua delinquentibus inponenda, ut [religiosi] locis deputatis debite conservent silencium. Ac etiam ut nullus fratrum in dormitorio jacencium sine cingulo, caligis et tunica jacere audeat seu presumat, sub pena pro silencio fracto assignata. Et omnes fratres ibidem capitulantes ab omnibus sentenciis juris et Ordinis, quantum in nobis est, absolvimus. Cetera vero omnia prospera, integra, comperimus et immaculata, tam in spiritualibus quam temporalibus; et nil nostra correctione dignum seu Capitulo generali referendum. In ultima visitacione debuit dictum monasterium c libras, in presenti cc markas. In frugibus et aliis necessariis pro victu religiosorum sufficiencia [susten]tatur, laudabili provisione abbatis, et maximis edificiis omni laude habendis nove aule ceterarumque domorum, circumspecta sua providencia, graciose relevari indesinenter studuit. Datum &c. A. fol. 26b.

170. Names of the Community at the Visitation. 1482 (?)

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII SANCTE AGATHE MARTIRIS.

Dompnus Wyllelmus Ellerton, abbas. Frater Thomas Barton, prior. „ Johannes Clerke, supprior. A. fol. 44.

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Frater Robertus Ledes.
„ Johannes Praunce.
„ Thomas Selby.
„ Thomas Bukler.
„ Robertus Huton.
„ Johannes Tanfeld, celerarius.
„ Thomas Danby, capellanus.
„ Wyllelmus Horseforth.
„ Robertus Claton.
„ Wyllelmus Lingherde, subcelerarius.

Frater Wyllelmus Clynts, circator.
„ Johannes Pacoke.
„ Wyllelmus Holbruke.
„ Thomas Wryght.
„ Wyllelmus Roger.
„ Johannes Yonge.
„ Johannes Thornton.
„ Henricus Miton, vicarius de Eseby.
„ Wyllelmus Strensall.
„ Robertus Carvour, vicarius de Manfelde.
„ Johannes Nym, apostata.

18 August, 1488.

171. Visitation of St. Agatha's.

One canon found guilty of incorrigible disobedience against his superiors is sentenced to be imprisoned until the next provincial chapter: another accused of incontinence clears himself: Bishop Redman finds all things otherwise in good order.

VISITACIO MONASTERII SANCTE AGATHE.

A. fol. 80 b. Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXXVIII., xviii die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus &c., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore dicti nostri monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium sancte Agathe, nostri Ordinis prefati, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi comperimus Johannem Yonge de incorrigibili inobediencia et rebellione contra suum priorem esse detectum, super quibus coram nobis inpetitus minime se excusare super hujusmodi quovismodo potuit. Quare pacem inter capud et membra relinquere cupientes, in carcere eum recludi precipimus tutissimo, usque nostrum provinciale capitulum, nisi interdum alias secum a nobis misericorditer fuerit dispensatum. Comperimus

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eciam fratrem Johannem Nym per publicam infamiam de et super incontinencia esse suspectum et multipliciter diffamatum, cum quadam muliere vocata Elisabet Wales, de qua legitime quinta manu se purgavit, et sic eum dimisimus, restituentes eum ad pristine vite statum et bonam famam. Plura ibidem non reperimus corrigenda sed omnia ad Dei laudem Ordinisque honorem per abbatis prudentissimam circumspeccionem invenimus gubernata. In ultima visitacione debuit dicta ecclesia lxxxii. li. xi. s. x. d. modo c *li.* alias in omnibus satis laudabiliter stuffata. Datum &c.

172. Names of the Community of St. Agatha's. **1488.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII SANCTE AGATHE.

A. fol. 94.

Sacerdotes.

Dominus Willelmus Ellerton, abbas.
Frater Thomas Barton, prior.
,, Johannes Clerke, supprior.
,, Robertus Ledes.
,, Johannes Praunce.
,, Henricus Myton, vicarius de Esby.
,, Willelmus Strynsall.
,, Robertus Carvour, vicarius de Manfeld.
,, Thomas Buklere, cellerarius.
,, Johannes Tanfeld.
,, Johannes Nym, circator.

Sacerdotes.

Frater Thomas Danby.
,, Willelmus Horsforth.
,, Robertus Claton.
,, Willelmus Lyngard.
,, Willelmus Clyntes, subcellerarius.
,, Johannes Pacoke.

Diaconi.

,, Johannes Yonge.
,, Johannes Thornton.
,, Johannes Robynson.

Novicii.

,, Radulfus Lunde.
,, Thomas Skotson.

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12 August, 1491.

173. Visitation of St. Agatha's.

Bishop Redman blames the abbot and community for their loose custody and use of the conventual seal; one canon, William Brampton, is to be removed from the house; the studies of the religious are to be looked to; temporalities are in good order.

VISITACIO MONASTERII SANCTE AGATHE.

A. fol. 92 b.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI. die vero mensis Augusti xii, Nos Ricardus &c. assumpto nobiscum dilecto nobis in Christo fratre Roberto Bedall, canonico nostri dicti monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium sancte Agathe, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis, ubi de spiritualibus et temporalibus prout tenemur diligencius inquirentes, comperimus abbatem necnon et conventum in concessione pariter et conservacione communis sigilli fore negligentes, eo quod ad diversa non verentur apponere obligatoria, dicto monasterio in posterum verisimile onerosa. Quibus de remedio obviare cupientes, predictis abbati et conventui in virtute salutaris obediencie, et sub pena maximi contemptus, districtissime precipimus ne de cetero aliquid contra statuta nostri Ordinis sigillare presumant absque licencia visitatoris sive ad minus patris abbatis. Predictoque domino abbati consulimus et nihilominus in mandatis dedimus quatenus quendam fratrem Willelmum, Bramptone vulgariter dictum, a monasterio amoveat diversis inde et multiplicibus causis nobis ostensis et probatis, necessarie consideratis, et hoc infra festum sancti Martini proxime futurum post datum presencium fieri. Et caritatem mutuamque dileccionem inter capud et membra comperimus connexam, que nos in quantum possumus benevolentes eisdem reddunt et in quantum claves privilegiorum et statutorum extendunt nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis in tantum absolucionis beneficium eisdem inpendere curavimus ab omnibus retroactis, ut premittitur, contra statuta sive jura quovismodo attemptatis. Et Johannem Clerke in Domino exhortavimus ut in quantum possit juvenes sciencia sive doctrina

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diligenter instruat qua Deum[1] timere religionemque scire et custodire queant. Et licet plura ibidem proloqui curavimus, tamen melioris consideracionis causa, hic inserere nolumus sed discrecioni abbatis complenda reliquimus. In ultima visitacione debuit dictum monasterium c markas, modo vero ejusdem abbatis sagaci providencia xxv markas, in ceteris animalibus, peccoribus et granis melius solito exstat, insuper provisum. Datum sub sigillo nostro visitatorio anno, die, mense et loco supradictis &c.

174. Names of the Community of St. Agatha's. **1491.**

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII SANCTE AGATHE.

A. fol. 112.

Dominus Willelmus Ellerton, abbas.
Frater Willelmus Strynsalle, prior.
„ Johannes Nyme, supprior.
„ Robertus Ledes, capellanus de Graistelle.
„ Robertus Carvour, vicarius de Manfelde.
„ Johannes Clerke, vicarius de Esby.
„ Thomas Bartone, cellerarius.
„ Thomas Bukler.
„ Thomas Danby.
„ Willelmus Clyntes, subcellerarius.
Frater Johannes Praunce, capellanus de Melsynby.[2]
„ Willelmus Horsforth.
„ Robertus Clatone.
„ Willelmus Lynghard, procurator ecclesiarum de Esby.
„ Johannes Pacoke.
„ Johannes Tanfelde, capellanus de Skrypynebeke.[3]
„ Johannes Yonge.
„ Johannes Thorntone.
„ Johannes Robynsone, presbiteri.
„ Radulfus Lunde, } professi.
„ Willelmus Latone, } professi.
„ Thomas Buke, } professi.

[1] In MS. *Deo.*
[2] *I.e.* Melsonby, Yorks., six miles from Richmond.
[3] *I.e.* Skirpenbeck, Yorks., nine miles from Pocklington.

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Circa 6 March, 1492.

175. Election of Abbot of St. Agatha's.

The abbey is vacant by the death of Abbot William Ellerton. Bishop Redman appoints 6 March for the election and appoints a Commission to preside. After the formalities of the election William Clyntes is chosen.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 62.)

Ante 6 Feb., 1493.

176. Bp. Redman on the death of the Abbot of St. Agatha's.

The Bishop condoles with them on the death of their Abbot, William Clyntes, and proposes to be with them for the election of a successor on 6 February.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 101.)

19 May, 1494.

177. Visitation of St. Agatha's.

Bishop Redman finds the house generally in a good state; but finds fault with some of the ceremonies in the church and corrects them: any drinking after Compline must be with the Superior's leave and seldom: all going out of the inclosure without permission is strictly prohibited.

VISITACIO MONASTERII SANCTE AGATHE.

A. fol. 121 b. Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXIIII. die mensis Maii xix, Nos Ricardus &c. assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro
f. 122. Roberto Bedalle, canonico et professo nostri monasterii predicti, visitavimus monasterium Sancte Agathe nostri Ordinis predicti, Eboracensis diocesis. Et ibidem mutuam caritatem inter capud et membra comperimus ita quod inquisicione [prehabita] nulla nobis criminosa sunt ostensa, tamen oculariter quedam invenimus necessarie reformanda, presertim circa altaris ministeria, super quorum defectu fratre Roberto Clatone, coram nobis prostrato, eo quod genua in elevacione hostie flectebat, contra constituciones nostri Ordinis in hunc modum editas, quod nec diaconus neque subdiaconus in elevacione hostie vel percepcione ejusdem genua flectant, quod de cetero observari precipimus. Necnon insuper mandamus ut diaconi et ministri stabiles sint in ministrando circa sacerdotem, non illinc aut istinc vultu sive corpore vagantes sive

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transeuntes, sed stacionem suam devote custodientes tempore Misse. Precipimus eciam omnibus ibidem capitulantibus quatenus quociens ympnus *Veni Creator Spiritus* cantatur, in fine ejusdem istum versum *Sit laus Deo*, semper deinceps postponant et cantent, prout laudabilis nostre religionis probavit usus. Inhibemus insuper, sub pena contemptus, potaciones post Completorium, nisi de licencia speciali abbatis, sive presidentis, et hoc de facili non concedant, quia per hujusmodi excessum fratribus manifeste eveniunt infirmitates. Et omnes exeuntes a claustro, absque licencia, penam sustineant statuti, *In usu habentes*, sine remissione aliqua, jejunandi. Ulteriusque in mandatis dedimus, sub pena statutorum, quatenus omnia et singula acta ultimo Capitulo provinciali apud villam de Grauntham edita et decreta, suis debite conscribi faciant libris, atque effectum eorundem opere faciant adimpleri &c. Debita vero dicti monasterii ad presens extendunt ad summam iii^{xx} li. In ceteris vero omnibus quorum quovismodo interest necessarie uti satis laudabiliter scimus stuffatum. Datum &c.

178. Names of the Community. **1494.**

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII SANCTE AGATHE.

A. fol. 115 b. f. 116.

Dominus Willelmus Lynghard, abbas.	Sacerdotes.	Frater Willelmus Horsforth.	Sacerdotes.
Frater Johannes Nyme.		,, Robertus Clatone.	
,, Johannes Thorntone.		,, Johannes Pacok.	
,, Thomas Bukler, vicarius de Manfelde		,, Johannes Yonge.	
,, Johannes Clerk, vicarius de Esby.		,, Johannes Dorham.	
,, Robertus Ledes.		,, Radulfus Lunde.	
,, Johannes Praunce.		,, Willelmus Latone.	
,, Thomas Bartone.		,, Willelmus Ricalle.	Novicii.
,, Johannes Tanfelde.		,, Johannes Scrotone.	
,, Thomas Danby.		,, Johannes Sawere.	
		,, Henricus Favelle.	
		,, Johannes Roger.	
		,, Robertus Bamptone.	

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19 August, 1497.

179. Visitation of St. Agatha's.

Bishop Redman punishes a canon for absence from Prime, and another for leaving the inclosure to meet him without permission: the Prior, when sick in the infirmary, is to be like the rest, the Sub-prior governing the house.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM MONASTERII.

A. fol. 131 b. Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXVII, xix die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus &c. assumpto nobiscum fratre nostro Roberto Bedalle, canonico nostri dicti monasterii de Schappare, visitavimus monasterium Sancte Agathe, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis: ubi Johanni Tanfelde, pro sua absencia a Prima atque negligencia observancie, injunximus unum Psalterium in claustro sine intermissione post Nonam dicendum. Insuper in depositis, detectus est frater Johannes Thorntone, eo quod extra precinctum monasterii exire presumebat, licencia petita tamen non optenta, sed quia hoc ad sue declaracionis causam iter nobis tanquam Ordinis superiori arripuerat, ideo non ut apostatam reputavimus, ad intercessionem proprii sui prelati, Psalterium integrum eidem injungendo, cetera misericorditer remittendo. Omnibus eciam dicte ecclesie fratribus districte inhibemus in virtute sancte obediencie, et sub aliis penis quibus presidentes conventus delinquentibus infligere decreverunt, prout plus vel minus delinquerint, ne post Completorium vel ante capitulum exire dormitorium, sive cum aliquibus loqui quoquomodo presumant, nisi ex racionabili causa prelato sive presidenti conventus prius cognita, eorundemque ad hoc licencia prehabita. Inhibemus insuper ut quamdiu prior infirmitate infirmitorio detentus, secundum Ordinis statuta in aliquo plus aliis non presumat, sed supprior durante tempore curam conventus totaliter habeat. Prelatum nihilominus hujus monasterii ad sue cure exoneracionem exhortavimus ut ad singula officia ibidem fratribus consueta eisdem sicuti eorum merita viderit injungat. Et ibidem plura non sunt inventa. Et debita que in sua creacione cxix. li. viii. s. iii. d. fuerint nunc vero minoravit et

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usque ad summam iii^{xx} iiii. li. v. s. viii. d. perduxit: animalibus insuper multipliciter instauratum: granis tamen parce usque nova provisum. Data sub sigillo.

180. Names of the Community. **1497.**

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII SANCTE AGATHE.

A. fol. 132.

Dominus Willelmus Lyngard, abbas.
Frater Johannes Nyme, prior.
,, Willelmus Latone, supprior.
,, Robertus Ledes.
,, Johannes Praunce.
,, Thomas Bukler, vicarius de Manfelde.
,, Johannes Tanfelde.
,, Johannes Clerk, vicarius de Esby.
,, Willelmus Horsforth.

Frater Robertus Clatone.
,, Johannes Pacok.
,, Johannes Thorntone.
,, Johannes Durham.
,, Radulfus Lunde.
,, Willelmus Rykalle.
,, Johannes Scrutone, subdiaconus.
,, Johannes Sawer, } diaconi.
,, Henricus Favelle, } diaconi.
,, Johannes Roger, } diaconi.
,, Robertus Bamptone, } diaconi.

181. Names of the Community at the Visitation in A.D. 1500. **7 May, 1500.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII SANCTE AGATHE.

A. fol. 145.
f. 145 b.

Dominus Willelmus Lyngarde, abbas.
Frater Johannes Sawer, supprior.
,, Robertus Ledes.
,, Thomas Bukler, vicarius de Manfelde.
,, Johannes Clerk, vicarius de Esby.
,, Willelmus Horsley.

Frater Robertus Clatone.
,, Johannes Pacok.
,, Johannes Thorntone.
,, Johannes Durham.
,, Willelmus Ricalle.
,, Johannes Scrutone.
,, Henricus Favelle.
,, Johannes Roger.
,, Robertus Bamptone.

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7 May, 1500. **182. Visitation of St. Agatha's.**

Bishop Redman finds that one of the canons has made a will contrary to law. He orders him to be punished, if necessary, by excommunication.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

A. fol. 145 b. Anno Domini MV^c vii vero die mensis Maii Nos Ricardus &c. assumpto &c., visitavimus monasterium Sancte Agathe, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis, ubi aliquid enorme contra privilegia et nostri Ordinis statuta comperimus attemptatum de vicario de Manfelde, testamentum componendo, et bona monasterii nepharie legando, in maximum religionis nostre dampnum. Idcirco domino abbati districte mandamus quatenus dicto Thome Bukler, vicario de Manfelde, moniciones de hujusmodi nepharea mente habere faciat ter, secundum nostri Ordinis statuta, ut resipiscat et se religiosum et non proprietarium in fine ostendat. Et si noluerit sed induratum cor ejus fuerit, sentenciam excommunicacionis in eundem fulminare non omittat, inde non cessante donec alias a nobis mandatum sibi fuerit. Alia enormia ibidem non comperimus sed mutuam concordiam cum filiali obediencia inter caput et membra. Debita hujus monasterii ad presens inventa
f. 146. fuerunt liiii. li. xiii. s. xi. d. In granis animalibus et omnimodis necessariis aliis laudabiliter provisum. Datum &c.

II. ALNWICK.

ALNWICK, in the county of Northumberland, was the first foundation from Newhouse, made in A.D. 1147, only four years after its own establishment. The following is a very imperfect list of the abbots of Alnwick.

c. 1170. Patrick (*Surtees Soc.* vol. xx. p. 351).

? 1198. 'G'[ilbert] (ibid. vol. vi. p. 16, and lxxxix. p. 50).

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?	Adam.
?	Baldwin (Addy's *Beauchief*, p. 54).
1269 (oc.)	William (Harl. Ch. 51, B. 51).
1279.	Walter 'quondam abbas' (*Surtees Soc.* vol. lxxxviii. p. 269).
1304.	Alan de Staunford (ibid. vol. xii. p. 3).
1310.	Thomas de Kirkeby (*Cal. Rot. Pat.* 4 Ed. II. p. 304).
1310–1350 (†).	John (King's Coll. Camb. MS. Chron. of Alnwick).
1350–1362.	Walter (ibid.).
1362.	Robert (ibid.).
1376.	Walter de Hepscotes (ibid.).
1475–1490.	Thomas Alnewyk (*Monast.* vi. p. 867; Nos. 53, 63).
1491.	Patrick Galle (No. 196).
1497–1500.	Robert Bowman (Nos. 198, 199).
1506.	George (*Surtees Soc.* lvii. p. 105).
1540 (oc.)	William Hanston (Rymer, *Fœdera*, xiv. p. 665).

183. State of the Abbey of Alnwick. **Nov., 1304.**

Memorandum of the grain, provisions, and animals of various kinds.

(*See Vol. I. No.* 136.)

184. Reply to the Visitation Questions. **1478.**

P. fol. 101. (Reg. Prem. f. 118 a.)

Cenobium de Alnewyk
in [Comitatu Northumbrie, et]
Diocesi Dunelmensi.
Anno Domini [M. C. XLVII.]
[ab Eustacio Filio Johannis] fundatum est;
in honore B. Virginis ad festum . . .
Abbas de Newhous est pater abbas.
Filia ejus est cenobium de Langley.

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1478 (?). **185. Letter of Bishop Redman to Abbot of Newhouse.**

Directs him to attend at Alnwick, which is the daughter house of Newhouse, and preside at an election. In the event of his failure to attend, Bishop Redman will himself hold the election.

P. fol. 102. (Reg. Prem. f. 118.) Ricardus Assavensis episcopus, D. Huberti Premonstratensis abbatis commissarius generalis, venerabili confratri abbati de Neuhouse salutem, et hiis nostris cum effectu parere mandatis. Cum ex jure paternali electionibus in quibuscunque filialibus ecclesie vestre habetis interesse; licet forte dispendium, pauperiem et inopiam vestre filialis ecclesie de Alnewyk instanti tempore vacationis minime condoletis; quamobrem stimulo meroris pluries impungimur tanta intollerabilia, tantam insolentiam [ir]religionis in dicto irruisse monasterio vestro; ad hoc proposito paternitatis remedio:

Quare predilecte frater, intuitu caritatis et amoris antiqui respectu, requirimus, ac, ex officio nostro, vobis mandamus, et primo, secundo, et tertio monemus, quatenus (si fieri potest) in vestra propria persona descendatis ad regimen electionis in vestra filiali ecclesia de Alnwyke; ita quod dicta electio fieri et celebrari possit ante festum S. Trinitatis proxime futurum post datum presentium; (sin aliter) nobis et vestro filio abbati S. Agathe, cum latore presentium, commissionem vestram dirigere non omittatis; etiam et placeat unum de canonicis vestris nobis, nomine vestro associandum, ut ad executionem dicte electionis possumus procedere.

Et premissa per vos fieri sub pena contemptus et in virtute salutaris obedientie vobis per presentes exstitit preceptum; et ut honorabili viro et venerando domino, comiti Northumbrie, placere velitis.

Et si (quod absit) fontem rebellionis [non] arripere curetis in
f. 102 b. premissis, pro certo sciatis provisionem dicti || monasterii ad nos devolutam, et super inde causis quam plurimis per conventum

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coram nobis allegatis et probatis, cum consilio quatuor et quinque coabilium nobis assistentium, ad novam procedere electionem, auctoritate domini Premonstrati, et exinde quod justum est super jure vestre paternitatis determinare.

Datum sub sigillo nostro commissionali, apud Novum Castrum, mensis Maii die xiiij°.

186. Names of the Community at Alnwick. 1478.

DE ALNEWYK.

A. fol. 6 b.

Dominus Thomas Alnewyk, abbas.
Frater Willelmus Hyndmers, prior et sacrista.
Richard Cranster, supprior.
Thomas Glanton, vicarius de Alnham.
Robertus Cuthbert.
Johannes Esthcott, magister de Brynsehagh.[1]
Henricus Rutherforth, vicarius Schilbotyll.[2]
Willelmus Mindrwm, magister de Hoghton.[3]
Johannes Heugh, provisor exteriorum.
Robertus Bowman, vicarius de Chatton.
Patricius Gale, vicarius de Lesbery.[4]
Johannes de Alnewyk.
Robertus Glanton.
Johannes Stele, cantor.
Willelmus Edgar, succentor.
Georgius Wra.
Thomas Sandforth, presbiter parochialis.
Georgius Berwyk.
Henricus Goften, } novicii
Johannes Stanton, } professi.
Robertus Alnemouthe, apostata.

187. Notice of the Visitation at Alnwick. 12 March, 1481.

Bishop Redman appoints April 18 *to visit the abbot in person and the community by proxy at the Carmelites in Newcastle-on-Tyne.*

(*See Vol. I. No.* 100.)

[1] (?) Brayshaw in Cumberland. [2] *I.e.* Shilbottle, five miles from Alnwick.
[3] *I.e.* Houghton, eight miles from Newcastle.
[4] *I.e.* Lesbury, four miles from Alnwick.

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13 April, 1482.

188. Visitation of Abbot of Alnwick personally and Community by proxy.

Held by Bishop Redman at the Carmelites in Newcastle. Prior charged to be more vigilant; Saturday suppers forbidden; one canon charged with a grave offence proved his innocence, but was convicted of getting rid of the goods of the abbey and severely punished.

[S. Maria de Alnwyke.]

A. fol. 25 b. Anno Domini M°. CCCCLXXXII., mensis Aprilis die xiii., Nos Ricardus, etc., visitavimus abbatem sancte Marie de Alnwyke propria in sua persona, ac suum conventum per procuratorem, in domo fratrum Carmelitarum, Novicastri super Tinam, eo quod majori solicitudine compulsus ad suum monasterium particulariter ad presens accessisse nequimus: ubi comperimus in hac congregacione predicta inter capud et membra unitatem, caritatem et pacem; et, ex abbatis notabili provisione, veraque conventus filiali obediencia, uterque status viget monasterio. Attamen quedam reperimus nostra ammonicione et correcione digna, quatinus diebus sabbatorum cene consuetudinales in conventu, contra generalem et laudabilem consuetudinem nostri Ordinis, in conventu, ucusque use nullatenus de cetero fieri seu observari permittentes, precepimus dicto abbati et priori, in virtute salutaris obediencie, ne tales cene ministrentur, seu in dicto monasterio ullo modo fre-
f. 26. quententur seu permittantur; sed ut conventus in hiis || diebus colacionem in refectorio teneant et observent. Inhibemus etiam dicto priori ne presumat quemquam ex conventu, absque causa racionabili, licenciare ad exeundum a choro seu dormitorio, tempore divini serviciii, vel hora contemplacionis, et hoc sub pena contemptus; ac eciam ut diligenter exhortet et inducat fratres ut facilem et diligentem consensum prebeant ad exponendum et producendum sigillum suum commune ad sigillandum ea que abbas, in consilio seniorum domus, pro necessitate et utilitate monasterii, duxerit sigillanda; et ne in hujusmodi dissenciant

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seu contradicant sub pena incumbenti. Ulteriusque dicto priori firmiter injungendo mandavimus quatinus hiis, que suo officio ad corrigendum commissa sunt, diligenter intendat; et ne intus vel extra permittat aliquam inobediencie notam [vel] minimam, in verbo vel gestu, quantam in ipso est in conventu pululare, vel in defectibus et fratrum suorum excessibus nimis sit remissus; et quod obitus fundatorum, episcoporum, abbatum, aut aliorum benefactorum et fratrum defunctorum dicti monasterii, qui certis diebus et temporibus anni, secundum Kalendarium martilogii ejusdem celebrari dinoscuntur et annotantur, ab hujusmodi temporibus et diebus, absque rationabili et evidenti causa, minime transponantur; sed ut in proximis diebus celebracioni eorundem obituum, aptis et vacantibus, si in diebus eorum celebracioni deputatis congrue celebrari non poterunt, debite observentur. Item injunximus, in virtute sancte obediencie, abbati, priori et ceteris precedentibus dicti conventus pro tempore existentibus, quod omnes canonici jacentes in dormitorio, videlicet minuti, infirmi, seu ab itinere fessi, omnes pariter surgant ad matutinas, sub pena unius diei in pane et aqua in hoc delinquentibus injungenda. Haud plus ad presens corrigendum habemus seu Capitulo generali referendum &c. Tamen quendam fratrem Wyllelmum Hynmers coram nobis ibidem invenimus detectum de solempni perjurio, delapidacione bonorum mobilium monasterii, ac alienacione et impignoracione bonorum immobilium loci de Brenshalgh, cujus custos exstiterat, ac etiam super incontinencie crimine cum quadam muliere, vocata Moriota Cowper, diffamatum; sed de hoc crimine se legittime purgavit. Tamen predictis perjurio, delapidacione, alienacione, et impignoracione se minime purgare potuit, quare sibi injunximus penam gravioris culpe, xl dierum, et ad monasterium de Dalle pro perpetuo fore emittendum, nisi alias secum fuerit misericorditer dispensatum, ac insuper a prefata custodia eum deponendo precipimus abbati ne sibi unquam aut alicui alio suis de canonicis predictam custodiam ad firmam committat seu locari faciat. In ultima visitacione

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debuit dictum monasterium cc markas, modo vero c markas. In aliis necessariis ad sufficienciam stoffatum. Datum etc.

1482. **189. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE ALNWYKE.

A. fol. 43 b.

Dominus Thomas Alnwyke, abbas.
Frater Johannes Howgh, prior.
„ Thomas Sandforde, supprior.
„ Thomas Glanton.
„ Robertus Alnemoth.
„ Wyllelmus Myndren.
„ Wyllelmus Hynmers.
„ Robertus Bowman.
f. 44. „ Patricius Gale.
„ Johannes Alnwyll.
Frater Ricardus Crawsester.
„ Wyllelmus Edgar.
„ Georgius Wray.
„ Georgius Barwyke.
„ Henricus Gosten.
„ Johannes Stanton.
„ Ricardus Elder.
„ Johannes Brume.
„ Wyllelmus Spurnell.
„ Robertus Leghton.
„ Wyllelmus Felton.

28 May, 1486. **190. Visitation of Alnwick.**

As a house Alnwick is in an excellent state. Two canons are excommunicated as apostates; the community are ordered to say certain prayers; one canon is punished for not keeping the silence.

VISITACIO MONASTERII SANCTE AGATHE VIRGINIS. 1486.

A. fol. 62. Anno Domini millesimo CCCC octogesimo vi^to^, xxviii^o^ die mensis Maii, Nos Ricardus &c. visitavimus monasterium sancte Agathe, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi comperimus fratres dicti monasterii servos Christi et sacre religionis vere professores refectos fructibus obediencie, in suorum prelati timore et amore pariter delectatos, qui eos ut verus pastor non ut mercennarius conservat et congregat in ovile Christi, ac suis sibi

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creditis temporalium pascua preparat et spiritualium. Ita quod [nulla digna] nostra correccione aut audiencie Capituli generalis ibidem invenimus interponenda: ibidem tamen comperimus fratrem Willelmum Holburke et Thomam Wryght apostatas, quos denunciamus excommunicatos in hiis scriptis; [et] precipimus domino abbati et priori ut versiculi ad Matutinas et responsoria ad Primam et ad ceteras horas diei, in die Corporis Christi et per octavam ejusdem, cantentur cum Alleluia sicut in Paschali tempore. Proclamatus est eciam frater Johannes Robynson, eo quod audivimus eum fregentem silencium, cui inponimus una die in pane et aqua jejunare. Et omnes dicte ecclesie capitulariter congregatos ab omnibus sentenciis juris et ordinis sentenciis et excommunicacionis, ab ingressu religionis usque ad presens, auctoritate prefati patris nostri Premonstratensis abbatis, qua plenarie fungimur in hac parte, absolvimus et absolutos declaramus in hiis scriptis. In ultima visitacione debuit dicta ecclesia c markas modo vero lxxxii^{li}. xi^{s}. x^{d}. in frugibus et aliis rebus universis satis sufficienter exstat provisa. Datum etc.

191. Names of the Community. **1488.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE ALNWYKE.

A. fol. 80 b.

Dominus Thomas Alnwike, abbas.
Frater Thomas Sandforth, prior.
,, Robertus Alnmoth.
,, Willelmus Myndrum de Alvenam.
,, Willelmus Hyndmars, rector de Branschalwe.
,, Robertus Bowman, vicarius de Chatton.
,, Patricius Gale, vicarius de Lesbery.
Frater Johannes Alnwike, procurator de Alnwike.
,, Ricardus Evaster, provisor exteriorum.
,, Georgius Wra, presbiter parochialis.
,, Georgius Barwike, vicarius de Schildotilt.
,, Johannes Stanton, cantor.
,, Ricardus Elder, magister duorum noviciorum.

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Frater Johannes Brown, succentor.	Frater Robertus Qwyht,	Novicii.
„ Willelmus Spurnnell, cellerarius.	„ Robertus Morpeth,	
„ Robertus Lyghton.	„ Johannes Castell,	
„ Willelmus Felton, circator et magister noviciorum.	„ Johannes Elsdayne,	
	„ Robertus Clerke,	
	„ Johannes Burell,	
	„ Radulfus Marchell,	

23 Aug. 1488. 192. Visitation of Alnwick.

Bishop Redman finds some remissness in keeping the religious silence. One canon is accused of spreading discord, but denies the charge: the hour of Matins must not be changed: the clock, which has caused irregularity in the hours, to be mended.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM MONASTERII DE ALNWYKE.

A. fol. 81.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXVIII., xxiii. die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc. assumpto etc. visitavimus monasterium de Alnwike nostri Ordinis predicti, Dunelmensis diocesis; ubi Wyllelmo Hyndmers et N. injunximus una die pro silencio fracto in pane et aqua jejunare, exhortantes omnes in Domino quatinus melius silencium in locis debitis observent; presertim in refectorio, tempore collacionis, fratribus loqui districte sub pena contemptus inhibemus, sed ad mensas sedere cum ceteris regularibus observanciis prout decet et tenentur nostri ordinis professores. Et omnes chorum intrantes sive exeuntes profunde inclinent usque ad genua, similiter abbati quociens sibi obviaverint. Detectus est eciam Robertus Alnmoth quod sit seminator discordie, propriumque suum prelatum nefarie defamasset, de quibus se lamentabiliter nil horum fecisse vel dixisse protestatus est, quem sicut ad intercessionem proprii sui prelati et fratrum suorum pro eo supplicancium, dimisimus, injungentes unum Psalterium infra annum dicendum.

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Precipimus insuper omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus sub pena excommunicacionis majoris ut secundum nostri Ordinis statuta, si quis [aliquid] pecunie sive aliquid aliud contulerit, non sibi quovismodo retineant, sed proprio suo prelato presentent, suo expendendum arbitrio, quia si aliter fecerint locum traditoris inde in ecclesia Dei tenent, quia que dabantur furtive tollebat. Sed quia scitivit proprium lucrum pervenit ad laqueum. Precipimus eciam districtissime, sub pena manifesti contemptus, ne aliquociens matutine ante noctis medium cantentur alicujus, neque indulgencie pretextu, post, quia licet lucerna aliis lumen prebet, attamen seipsam consumit. Et domino abbati in mandatis dedimus quatinus sufficienter conventui in pensione Ordinis consueta, et victu secundum facultatem ecclesie discrete provideat, ut pro hujusmodi nullam habeant murmuracionis occasionem. At illi suo prelato in omnibus sint obedientes ut filii vere obediencie, nocte dieque Deo devote servientes, hoc prorsus alicujus cause pretextu sub pena excommunicacionis majoris nullo modo omittentes sive se a divinis suspendentes. Ibidem insuper, defectu orologii, horas canonicas debitis temporibus non custodiri conspeximus; quapropter dicto domino abbati districte precipimus, ut, cum omni festinacione possibili, novum orologium sufficienter fieri faciat, quia hujusmodi carencia plura prefato monasterio contingunt enormia. Alia non comperimus ad presens. Nec dictum monasterium ullis oneratur debitis, sed tantum eidem debetur quantum quovismodo debet. In granis tamen [nil] nisi ex provisione stuffatum. Datum etc.

193. Election of an Abbot at Alnwick. **4 Jan. 1490.**

The abbey is vacant by the death of the abbot, Thomas Alnwick, and Bishop Redman appoints January 4, 1490, *for the election.* (*A fragment.*)

(*See Vol. I., No.* 63.)

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No date, Ante 1491.

194. Grant of a living to Patrick Gale, Canon of Alnwick.

Bishop Redman approves of the grant.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 150–152.)

6 Aug. 1491.

195. Visitation of Alnwick.

Bishop Redman finds the house in a good state. He corrects a neglect of silence: condemns strongly the keeping of objects without the Superior's permission: legislates for the singing of the psalm 'De Profundis' *on a Sunday, and orders the abbot to procure the proper offices of certain new feasts.*

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE ALNEWIKE.

A. fol. 92.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI., die vero mensis Augusti vi., Nos Ricardus etc. assumpto nobiscum dilecto nobis in Christo Roberto Bedall, canonico nostri dicti monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium beate Marie de Alnwike, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Dunelmensis diocesis; ubi venerabilem prelatum cum religioso conventu comperimus, et monasterium in spiritualibus et temporalibus utiliter et honorifice directum. Precipimus tam abbati quam suis subditis ut festa Reliquiarum, sancte Marthe, Visitacionis beate Marie, cum ceteris festis in provinciali Capitulo celebrari[1] ordinata, infra annum propria servicia inde edita et consueta, habere procurent. Magnam eciam dissolucionem silencii ibidem comperimus, quam de cetero reformari precipimus sub pena in statutis inde contenta. Omnibus supradicti monasterii confratribus districte inhibemus, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, ne aliquid proprietatis deinceps retinere presumant, sed si qui horum quicquid habent prelato suo reatum suum confitentur, ejus arbitrio distribuendum,[2] ne Ananie Judeque vestigia sequentes, proprietariorum numero in examine miserabilius computentur.

[1] MS. has *celebrato.*

[2] MS. has *distribueri.*

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Dicte insuper ecclesie confratribus precipientes mandamus quatenus Psalmus *De profundis* tam in capitulo quam in claustro, dominicis diebus, sub eadem voce qua horas diei cantent, de cetero altius cantetur. Cetera omnia ibidem nobis ostensa et comperta discrecioni abbatis ejusdem relinquimus ordinanda. In cujus prima creacione debuit dictum monasterium cc markas, modo vero minoravit predicta debita c marcis. In omnibus granis, animalibus, et ceteris necessariis domus peroptime stuffata. Datum sub sigillo nostro visitatorio anno, die, et loco supra.

196. Names of the Community. **1491.**

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII BEATE MARIE DE ALNEWIKE.

A. fol. 112.

Presbiteri:
- Patricius Galle, abbas.
- Ricardus Olem, supprior.
- Ricardus Craceter, provisor exteriorum.
- Johannes Stayntone, subcellerarius.
- Johannes Browne, circator.
- Willelmus Spurnelle.
- Robertus Lightone.
- Willelmus Feltone, sacrista.
- Robertus White.

Novicii:
- Robertus Morpeth.
- Johannes Castelle.
- Johannes Elisdene.

Novicii:
- Robertus Clerke.
- Johannes Burelle.
- Radulfus Marschalle.

Presbiteri:
- Willelmus Myndryme, vicarius.
- Willelmus Hyndmers, magister de Branshagh.
- Robertus Bowmane, vicarius.
- Johannes Alnewike habet cantariam.
- Thomas Sandforth.
- George Wraa, presbiter parochialis.
- George Berwike, vicarius.

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22 April, 1497.

197. Visitation of Alnwick.

Bishop Redman visits the abbot personally and the community by proxy at Newcastle. Neither the abbot nor proctor had any charge to make. As there was a report that the canons frequented the town of Alnwick too much, the bishop forbids this.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE ALNEWYK.

A. fol. 129 b. Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXVII., xxii. die mensis Aprilis, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro
f. 130. R.B., prout supra visitavimus monasterium de Alnewik || nostri Ordinis, Dunelmensis diocesis; videlicet abbatem dicti monasterii in propria sua persona, et conventum ejusdem per fratrem W. Feltone suum indubitatum procuratorem, legitime et literatorie ab eisdem destinatum, in villa Novi-Castri-super-Tinam, in domo Fratrum Minorum. Sed quia prefatus venerabilis confrater, nec pro conventu procurator, ullam de aliquo querelam coram nobis deposuerunt, tamen publica aures nostras propulsavit fama, eo quod fratres dicti monasterii frequentius usque villam de Alnewik vadunt, et presertim ad loca suspecta, quos discursus, presens per decretum, prorsus interdicimus sub pena contemptus nisi ex evidenti et a prelato probata necessitate cogente. Status hujus monasterii talis ad presens invenitur quod tanta debita eidem debentur quanta debet. In omnibus animalibus satis laudabilius extat provisum. In granis tamen propter maxima onera transeuncium hospitum non nisi ex empcione. Data, acta, et firmiter decreta anno, die, mense, et loco infrascriptis [*sic*].

1497.

198. Names of the Community.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE ALNEWIK.

A. fol. 51. Dominus Robertus Alnewik, abbas.
Frater Willelmus Felton, prior.
Frater Willelmus Myndrym, custos capelle de Alnwik.

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Frater	Willelmus Hymmers, magister de Brannchaugh.	Frater	Robertus Lighton, circator, sacrista et cantor.	
,,	Johannes Alnewik.	,,	Robertus Morpeth.	
,,	Ricardus Crawceter, provisor.	,,	Johannes Castell.	f. 51 b.
,,	Georgius Wra, vicarius de Alnename.	,,	Johannes Elsdane.	Sacerdotes.
,,	Thomas Sanforth, vicarius de Chatton.	,,	Robertus Clerk.	
,,	Georgius Berwick, vicarius de Schytilbotyll.	,,	Johannes Burell.	
,,	Johannes Staynton, apud Brannchalgh.	,,	Radulphus Marshall.	
,,	Ricardus Elder.	,,	Gerardus Staynton.	Novicii.
,,	Johannes Brown, provisor exteriorum.	,,	Johannes Bambroghe.	
,,	Willelmus Spurnell, cellerarius.	,,	Johannes Huntlee.	
		,,	Johannes Sandforth.	
		,,	Jacobus Alnewyk, custos infirmorum.	
		,,	Radulphus Lyndesay.	

199. Visitation of Alnwick. **3 May, 1500.**

Bishop Redman visits the abbot personally and the community by proxy at Newcastle. He finds everything in a good state.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini MCCCCC., tercio die mensis Maii, Nos Ricardus etc. assumpto nobiscum predilecto nobis in Christo Roberto Bedalle canonico et sacerdote nostri dicti monasterii de Schappare, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Karliolensis diocesis, visitavimus dictum monasterium de Alnewyk, in domo Fratrum Predicatorum, ville Novi-Castri-super-Tinam; videlicet abbatem ejusdem ibidem || personaliter apparentem, et conventum per procuratorem, legitime et literatorie, secundum Ordinis instituta auctoritatem eorundem nomine vice et

A. fol. 144 b.

f. 145.

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voluntate habentem, quos ut tenemur diligenter examinantes de utroque statu, sed Deo gracias agentes nulla inordinate comperimus, immo singula ad Dei laudem, Ordinis honestatem, et commodum monasterii existunt, laudabiliter perpetrata, eo quod ad presens, intus et extra, nulla ibidem per predictos objicitur querela ob quarum insignia virtutum temporalium non dubitamus operibus plus solito habundancius ditari; nullisque debitis sunt quovismodo innodati; in granis usque Pascha provisi; animalibus et edificiis laudabiliter dicti abbatis providencia ditati. Data etc.

1500. **200. Names of the Community.**

HEC SUNT NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE ALNEWYK.

A. fol. 144 b.

Sacerdotes predicti.

Dominus Robertus [Alnwick, abbas].
Frater Willelmus Feltone, prior.
„ Robertus Lightone, supprior.
„ Willelmus Myndrum, custos capelle de Alnmouth.
„ Johannes Alnewyk.
„ Georgius Wray, vicarius de Alnemouth.
„ Georgius Barwyk, vicarius de Chattone.
„ Ricardus Elder, magister de Branshallghe.
„ Johannes Brome.
„ Willelmus Spurwelle, curator de Howyk.

Sacerdotes predicti.

Frater Robertus Whyt, presbiter parochialis de Alnewik.
„ Johannes Castelle.
„ Johannes Elsdene.
„ Robertus Clerk, vicarius de Schilbotylle.
„ Johannes Burnelle.
„ Radulfus Merschalle.
„ Gerardus Stantone.
„ Bampburghe.
„ Johannes Huntle.
„ Johannes Sandfurth.
„ Jacobus Stevynson.
„ Radulphus Hyndsay.

Novicii.

„ Johannes Marschelle.
„ Michaell Furd.
„ Michaell Crawcester.

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III. BARLINGS.

THIS abbey was founded from Newhouse in A.D. 1154 in the county of Lincoln.

The following is a list of the abbots it has been possible to identify:

c. 1150.	Adam (Harl. Ch. 58, H. 4).
1156–1166 (oc.)	Radulphus (Harl. Ch. 51, B. 51).
1190–1203.	Akarius or Achardus (*Monasticon*, vi. p. 916; Harl. Ch. 45, A. 4).
1205.	Robert (Addy, *Beauchief*, p. 42; Harl. Ch. 51, C. 181).
1229–1240 (oc.)	Clement (Harl. Ch. 47, D. 22; 51 D. 24).
1250 (oc.)	Robert (Cott. Ch. xxix. 891).
1267–8 (oc.)	Ingelram (Addy, p. 49; Cott. Ch. 44, A. 11).
1300–1310.	Richard de Sutton (Harl. Ch. 44, H. 16).
1322–1328.	Thomas de Maryng (*Cal. Rot. Pat.* 16 Edw. II. 175; Harl. Ch. 44, A, 11).
1341–50.	Alexander de Rameseye (*Cal. Rot. Pat.* 15 Edw. III. p. 181).
1382–7.	John (ibid. 6 Rich. II. p. 150; 10 Rich. II. p. 321).
ante 1393.	George.
1403–1433 (oc.)	Thomas (*Surtees Soc.* xxxi. p. 105; Harl. Ch. 44, A. 12).
1452 (oc.)	John (Harl. Ch. 44, B. 15).
1459.	William Lincoln (Harl. MS. 6952, fol. 206).
1478–1503.	Thomas Belesby (Nos. 59, 68, 216).
1503.	John Bayns (No. 217).
1503.	William Forman (No. 69).
1532–1537 (oc.)	Matthew Mackarel (*Cal. Anc. Deeds*, i. 76, A. 6739).

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No date: between 1305–1314.

201. Letter of Thomas, Earl of Lancaster, to Pope Clement V.

Asks the Pope to expedite the business which the abbot and convent of Barlings have in the Curia.

P. fol. 107. (Reg. Prem. f. 82 b.)

Sanctissimo in Christo Patri, et Domino suo C. Clementi V.] Divina providentia Sancrosancte Romane Ecclesie ac universalis Summo Pontifici, suus devotus filius Thomas, Comes Lancastrie, Lincolnie, Leycestrie, et Senescallus Anglie, devota pedum oscula beatorum.

Negotia que carissimi nobis in Christo abbas et conventus de Barlyng, Lincolnie diocesis, habent hiis diebus, pro utilitate monasterii sui (quod de antecessorum et progenitorum nostrorum eleemosinis est fundatum) in vestre Sanctitatis presentia expedire: ad exauditionis optate gratiam admitti corditer affectantes: ea vestre Beatitudini pleno recommendamus affectu: supplicantes attente, quatenus petitiones dictorum [abbatis] et conventus super negotiis suis predictis vestre clementie porrigendas eo benignius exaudire et gratiosius expedire dignemini, quod preces nostre intervenerunt pro eisdem, ita, si placet, quod nostros rogatus sibi sentiant fructuosos.

Conservet vos Altissimus ad regimen Ecclesie sue sancte, per tempora feliciter longiora.

1475.

202. Names of the Community of Barlings.

In Monasterio de Barlynges.

A. fol. 6.

Magister Willelmus Lincoln, abbas.
Frater Symon Ellyngton, prior.
Thomas Burght, supprior.
Willelmus Yerburgh, vicarius de Staynton.
Willelmus Suaneton, vicarius.
Magister Thomas Belesby, cellerarius.
Johannes Cokson, circator.
Willelmus Langholme, frater hospitalis.
Willelmus Legburn, sacrista.

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Willelmus Mumby, custos cellarii.
Willelmus Forman, refectorarius, cantor.
Johannes Waltam.
Johannes Lincoln, suffraganeus vestiarii.
} Diaconi.

Robertus Mumby, succentor.
Willelmus Benyngworth, solacium sacriste.
Robertus Wotton, nunc emissus.
} Diaconi.
Robertus Barton, novicius.

203. Answers to the Questions of Bishop Redman. 1478.

at his visitation of Barlings.

RESPONSIONES.

Cenobium de Berling, Barlinges, sive Oxeney; P. fol. 108. (Reg. Prem. f. 117, f. 18.)
in (Comitatu et)
Diocesi Linc.
Anno Domini MC.LIIII. (ultimo anno Regis Stephani et primo regni R. Henrici).
(a Radulpho de Haya) fundatum est;
in honore B. Marie Virginis ad festum Assumptionis.
Abbas de Newhous est pater abbas.
Quinque habet ecclesias;
quarum interdum seculares, et interdum canonici sunt curati.
Dux Lancastrie est fundator (sive patronus).

204. Visitation of Barlings. 10 June, 1478.

Bishop Redman finds all in good order: abbot is to find for each priest a pension of 20 shillings a year; canons ordered to wear almuces under their cloaks and to make deeper inclinations in choir; not to frequent inns nor to indulge in excessive drinking within their house.

VISITACIO DE BARLYNGES.

Anno Domini M° CCCCLXXVIII°, mensis Junii decimo die, Nos A. fol. 13 b.
Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Barlynges, nostri dicti

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Ordinis, Lincolniensis diocesis, ubi comperimus unitatem, caritatem et pacem inter abbatem et suos subditos, et illud monasterium notabiliter directum tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus secura provisione prelati, ita quod nulla sentimus criminosa per nos corrigenda seu Capitulo generali referenda. Injunximus domino abbati ut provideat pro pensionibus fratrum suorum: viz. cuilibet sacerdoti xx. solidos solvendos et assignandos in terris aut tenementis, ante festum sancti Michaelis proximum futurum. Et preceptum est confratribus presens per decretum ut semper sub cappis suis utantur almiciis. Et emendent inclinaciones suas, ita ut humiliter inclinent profunde usque ad genua et in choro et extra; et ne frequentant tabernas aut immoderatas potaciones infra septa monasterii, sub pena statuti. In ultima visitacione debuit dictum monasterium xl. libras tantum, vero nunc habundantissime in officinis monasterii granis et necessariis implementis stauratum. Datum sub sigillo nostro commissionali, anno, mense, die et loco supradictis, et nostre consecracionis anno vi^to^.

1478. **205. Names of the Community of Barlings.**

BARLYNGES.

A. fol. 19 b. Dux Lancastrie est fundator. Abbas de Neuhouse est pater abbas. Quinque habet ecclesias, quarum interdum seculares et interdum canonici sunt curati. Fundatum erat dictum monasterium in honore beate Marie Virginis ad festum Assumpcionis anno Domini M° C° LIIII^to^, ultimo anno regni regis Stephani, et primo anno regni regis Henrici secundi.

Magister Willelmus Lincoln, in decretis bacallarius, abbas de Barlynges.

Frater Thomas Burgh, suprior.

Frater Willelmus Yerbor, vicarius de Staynton.

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Frater Willelmus Swaton, vicarius de Scothorn.[1]
,, Thomas Belysby, in decretis bacallarius, cellerarius.
,, Johannes Cokson, in infirmitorio.
,, Robertus Preston.
,, Willelmus Langholme.
Frater Willelmus Legburne.
,, Willelmus Mumby, in officio pistrini.
,, Willelmus Forman, refectorarius.
,, Johannes Waltam.
,, Johannes Lincoln, subsacrista.
,, Robertus Mumerby.

206. Visitation by Bishop Redman. **31 July, 1482.**

The abbot is newly created: he is enjoined to see that women are kept out of the monastery precincts: he is to watch against the introduction of new fashions in dress, and in particular what are commonly known as 'korkes and patans.'

VISITACIO DE BARLYNGES.

Anno Domini M° CCCC LXXXII, ultimo die mensis Julii, Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Barlynges, nostri dicti Ordinis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ubi comperimus venerabilem virum patrem prefati monasterii de nova creacione [?] creatum, qui nobis manualem prestitit obedienciam, cui in mandatis districte dedimus, quatinus concursus mulierum infra septa monasterii effluere non permittat, sed omnes prorsus a dicto monasterio suo removeri faciat, nisi tales de quibus nulla possit suspicio haberi. Insuper eciam inhibemus ne quis canonicorum de cetero uti presumat manicis penulatis ad curiositatem et superfluitatem, aliquibus pellis furratis seu ornatis, aut sotulares rotundos et curiales, juxta usum laicorum, sed secundum formam et modum religiosorum cum ligaturis, ut nostris continetur statutis. Talem eciam prohibemus abusionem aliquo modo a fratribus utendam, videlicet, ut non utantur caligis clausis sed separatim ab invicem apertis. Ac deformitatem, voca- A. fol. 29 b.

[1] *I.e.* Scotthorne, five miles from Lincoln.

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tam vulgariter lingua materna *korkes* et *patans*, omnino interdicimus sub pena excommunicacionis, quia non vestibus Deo jubemur placere sed moribus. Alia corrigenda seu Capitulo generali referenda non comperimus, sed hujus monasterii, patris circumspecta subtilitate et providencia, utriusque status publica relucet bona fama. In precedenti visitacione dictum debuit monasterium xl ti, modo vero [*blank*]. In aliis granis et domus implementis hoc anno nisi ex provisione et empcione stauratur. Datum etc.

1482. **207. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA FRATRUM ET CANONICORUM DE BARLINGES.

A. fol. 45.

Dominus Thomas Belesby, abbas.
Frater Thomas Burgh, prior.
„ Robertus Preston, supprior.
„ Wyllelmus Benignworth.
„ Wyllelmus Yerburgh, vicarius.
„ Wyllelmus Swaton, vicarius.
„ Johannes Kocson.
„ Wyllelmus Legburne.
„ Wyllelmus Mumby.
Frater Wyllelmus Forman.
„ Johannes Waltham.
„ Johannes Lincoln.
„ Robertus Mumby.
„ Robertus Barton.
„ Johannes Banes.
„ Thomas Halton.
„ Johannes Thomas.
„ Johannes Holme.
„ Wyllelmus Neuwerke.
„ Wyllelmus Fulbeke.

6 June, 1488. **208. Visitation of Barlings.**

A fragment.

VISITACIO MONASTERII NOSTRI ORDINIS DE BARLYNGS.

A. fol. 70 b.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXVIII, vi die mensis Junii, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore dicti nostri monasterii de Schappe,

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visitavimus monasterium de Barlyngs, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis, ubi comperimus Thomam

[*The document ends abruptly.*]

209. Names of the Community. 1488.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BARLYNGS.

A. fol. 70 b.

Dominus Thomas Belesby, abbas.

Sacerdotes:
Frater Thomas Burgh, prior.
„ Willelmus Forman, supprior.
„ Willelmus Benyngworth, servitor infirmorum.
„ Johannes Cokson.
„ Willelmus Legburn, cellerarius.
„ Willelmus Mumby.
„ Johannes Waltaun, subcellerarius.
„ Robertus Barton, cantor et circator.

Sacerdotes:
Frater Johannes Banes, sacrista.
„ Johannes Lincoln, succentor.

Non sacerdotes:
„ Willelmus Newell.
„ Johannes Holme.
„ Ricardus Norton.
„ Oliverus [Hudilstone]
„ Thomas Halton.
„ Thomas Fulneby.
„ Robertus Bryglyngton.
„ Thomas Saynthorpe.
„ Robertus Preston, vicarius [de] Staynton.
„ Willelmus Swaton, vicarius de Scothorn.

210. Visitation of Barlings. 3 Sept., 1491.

Bishop Redman severely punished a canon charged with incontinence, and another with apostacy. He again warns the community against the introduction of new fashions in dress.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BARLYNGES.

A. fol. 94 b.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI, iii die mensis Septembris, Nos Ricardus etc. assumpto nobiscum dilecto nobis [in] Christo fratre

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Roberto Bedall, canonico nostri dicti monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Barlynges, nostri dicti ordinis Premonstratensis, Lyncolniensis diocesis; ubi Ricardus Nortone coram nobis est detectus de apostasia quadam nocte, necnon de lapsu carnis cum quadam ibidem muliere, super quibus impetitus de apostasia predicta a proprio suo prelato, seipsum correctum et digne punitum coram nobis est testatus. Sed quia de incontinencia sibi septima manu purgacione indicta, non potuit seipsum purgare, quare injunximus sibi penam xx^{ti} dierum gravioris culpe ac emissionem ad monasterium de Halesowene pro triennio nisi alias interim a nobis secum fuerit misericorditer dispensatum. Comperimus eciam ibidem Oliverum Hudilstone apostatam, sed coram nobis pro hujusmodi prostratus, lacrimabiliter culpam suam recognoscens, injunximus xx^{ti} dies, videlicet penam gravioris culpe, et totidem diebus in carcerem recludi; sed tunc ad instanciam proprii sui prelati et fratrum suorum pro eo multipliciter supplicancium, et de eo testimonium bonum perhibencium, carceraturam dimisimus, et cetera quantum ad predictam penam discrecioni abbatis ex sua bona conversacione moderari, et ad vocem et stallum restaurari relinquimus. Ceteros et apostatas: videlicet, Thomam Haltone et Thomam Andrew, excommunicatos et a sancte matris ecclesie limitibus sequestratos, discernimus. Quandam, insuper, inter fratres ibidem, curiositatem sotularium ad modum laicorum et curialium comperimus, quam sub pena contemptus omnino interdicimus, precipientes districtissime, tam prelato quam presidentibus, ne talia de cetero uti permittant, in virtute salutaris obedientie. Precipimus eciam omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus quatenus deinceps, quociens de beata virgine Maria, de commemoracione ejusdem, vel alias cantatur a sacerdote ebdomadario, illa[1] angelica salutacio *Ave Maria* ad omnes diei et noctis horas devote incipiatur et ad finem a conventu perducatur sive pertrahatur. Haud plura inibi non comperimus corrigenda sed sicut ultima

[1] In MS. *illam angelicam salutacionem.*

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visitacione dictum monasterium ab onere debitorum fuerat alienum, ita et nunc honorabili ejusdem abbatis providencia constat provisum. In granis et omnimodis aliis necessariis rebus laudabiliter stuffatum. Datum etc.

211. Names of the Community. 1491.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE BARLYNGES.

A. fol. 113 b.

Dominus Thomas Belesby, abbas.		Frater Johannes Thomas.	Sacerdotes.
Frater Thomas Burghe, prior.	Sacerdotes.	,, Johannes Holme.	
,, Willelmus Forman.		,, Willelmus Newarke.	
,, Willelmus Bennyngworthe.		,, Ricardus Nortone.	Diaconi.
,, Johannes Kocsone.		,, Oliverus Hodilstone.	
,, Robertus Prestone, vicarius.		,, Symon Stayndroppe.	
,, Johannes Waltham.		,, Willelmus Muultone.	
,, Robertus Bartone.		,, Thomas Haltone.	Apostate.
,, Johannes Bayns.		,, Thomas Andrew.	

212. Visitation of Barlings. 29 Sept., 1494.

Bishop Redman praises the temporal administration of the abbot: issues orders as to the provision of proper almuces: condemns the use of wide shoes, called 'slyppars': regulates some church customs.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BARLYNGES.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCC^{mo}. nonagesimo quarto, penultimo die mensis Septembris, Nos Ricardus etc. assumpto nobiscum, prout supra, fratre nostro R. Bedalle visitavimus monasterium de Barlynges, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis; A. fol. 127 b.

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ubi venerabilem comperimus patrem virum magne discrecionis et provisionis, atque circa commoda sui monasterii solicite vigilantem, reparaciones monasterii laudabiliter facientem, in tantum quod non reparator verius certe novus fundator bene potest nuncupari. Atque sui subditi in amore pariter et timore ejus sunt firmati. Quedam tamen ibidem invenimus ad oculum que necessarie duximus presens per decretum reformanda: videlicet, quod unusquisque infra festum Omnium Sanctorum proximum futurum provideat sibi amictum; quibus amictibus de cetero tam abbas quam singuli sui subditi cotidie utantur, sub pena maximi contemptus, et sub eadem pena inhibemus ne utantur flameolis aut manicis penulatis sive volubilibus sotularibus,[1] vocatis *slyppars*, qui nimiam pretendunt curiositatem, sed nullam necessitatem, quos omnino interdicimus sub pena maximi contemptus. Inhibemus ne diaconi de cetero in elevacione hostie genua flectant nec in percepcione ejusdem, sed sacerdoti diligenter attendentes eidem hostie cum elevatur reverenter inclinent. Insuper precipimus quod de pulsacione in duplicibus sive triplicibus, necnon de observanciis in choro et[2] de thurificacione, deinceps secundum nostri Ordinis instituta et constituciones in ultimo provinciali Capitulo editas,[3] inviolabiliter observetur: silencium melius solito sub pena statuti reformandum. Et quamvis dictus dominus abbas perpulcras amenasque edificaciones nuper construxerit, tamen per hoc, quod quidem miramur, in nullum debitorum incurrit; gravamen alias in granis universi generis atque animalibus pre ceteris aliquibus nostri Ordinis monasteriis dicta constat ecclesia honorifice provisa. Datum etc.

[1] In MS. *volubiles sotulares.*
[2] In MS. *at.*
[3] Cf. Vol. I. No. 90, 30 April 1492.

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213. Names of the Community. 1494.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BARLYNGES.

A. fol. 119.

Sacerdotes.

Dominus Thomas Belesby, abbas.
Frater Thomas Burgh, prior.
„ Willelmus Formane, supprior.
„ Johannes Coksone.
„ Willelmus Benyngworth.
„ Robertus Prestone, cellerarius.
„ Johannes Waltham, subcellerarius.
„ Robertus Bartone, circator.
„ Johannes Banys, sacrista.
„ Johannes Thomas.
„ Johannes Holme, cantor.
„ Willelmus Newark.

Sacerdotes.

Frater Ricardus Nortone, succentor.
„ Oleverus Kyrkby, subsacrista.

Professi.

„ Symon Staynthrope.
„ Willelmus Munktone.
„ Robertus Wh[ass]ingburghe.
„ Robertus R[ushforth].
„ Willelmus Yng[oldm]ellys.

Nondum professi sed de novo rasi.

Frater Alanus Bostone.
„ Willelmus Schefelde.
„ Ricardus Johnsone.
„ Robertus Middiltone.

214. Visitation of Barlings, with Names of the Community. 10 Sept., 1497.

Bishop Redman finds the house in a good state: gives directions as to the correction of faults.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BARLYNGES.

A. fol. 135.

Dominus Thomas Belesby.
Frater Robertus Prestone, prior.
Frater Robertus Bartone, supprior.
„ Thomas Burgh.

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Frater Johannes Coksone.
„ Willelmus Forman.
„ Johannes Waltham.
„ Johannes Bayns.
„ Johannes Thomas.
„ Johannes Holme.
„ Willelmus Newark.
„ Ricardus Nortone.
„ Oliverus Huddilstone.
„ Symonde Staynthorpe.
„ Willelmus Munktone.

Diaconi.

Frater Robertus Whassingburge.
„ Robertus Rushforth.
„ Willelmus Yngoldmels.

Secuntur nomina novicii [sic].

Frater Alanus Lamkyne.
„ Willelmus Burows.
„ Ricardus Johnsone.
„ Robertus Middiltone.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXVII, x^mo vero die mensis Septembris, Nos Ricardus etc. assumpto ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Barlinges, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ubi singula intus et extra comperimus honorifice gubernata ipsius abbatis laudabili et magnifica provisione et industria, qui conventum suum ad perfectum perduxit numerum, eisdem omnia necessaria habundanter ministrando. Inhibemus districte tam priori quam ceteris precedentibus conventus circuiciones in capitulo
f. 135 b. habere, sed breviter et districte, || cum mansuetudine, excessus fratrum corrigant, et non coram secularibus eos maliciose exprobrando sive minando. Ulteriusque dicte ecclesie singulis fratribus precipimus quatenus prelato et suis precedentibus humiliter obediant prout decet religiosos. Supra modum dicta ecclesia in granis et animalibus omnium sexuum mirifice exstat provisa, nullo debitorum onere onustata. Data sub sigillo, anno, die, et loco ut supra.

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215. Visitation of Barlings, with Names of the Community. **18 Nov., 1500.**

Bishop Redman finds the abbey in an excellent condition: the good temporal state seems to be a reward for the good observance.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BARLYNGES.

A. fol. 155.

Dominus Thomas Belesby, abbas.

Sacerdotes:

Frater Johannes Waltham, prior.
„ Robertus Bartone, supprior.
„ Johannes Coksone.
„ Thomas Burgh.
„ Willelmus Formane, vicarius.
„ Johannes Bayns, cellerarius.
„ Johannes Thomas, subcellerarius.
„ Johannes Holme, circator.
„ Ricardus Nortone, precentor.
„ Symon Staynthrope.
Frater Willelmus Munkton, succentor.
„ Robertus Waschyngburgh.
„ Robertus Heyth.
„ Willelmus Yngoldmeldes.
„ Oliverus Huddilstone.

f. 155 b.

Diaconi:

„ Willelmus Schefelde.
„ Ricardus Jonsone.
„ Robertus Middiltone.

Novicii et Professi:

„ Johannes Kelsey.
„ Johannes Massey.
„ Robertus Schefelde.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini m. v^{c}., xviii die mensis Novembris, Nos Ricardus etc. assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro Roberto Bedalle visitavimus monasterium de Barlynges nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ubi venerabilem comperimus patrem cum suis subditis benignum et discretum, cujus preceptis subditi humiliter obediunt filiali cum dileccione. Et a nobis

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edificacionibus per eum factis conspectis non minus quam novum fundatorem reputare possumus. Et quia intus meritorum refulgent virtutibus religionisque observanciis, ideo uberiorem contulit eisdem Deus graciam ut pre ceteris nostri Ordinis monasteriis temporalibus, tam granis quam animalibus, omnibusque aliis habundant necessariis, et nullo debitorum onere sunt gravati ad presens. Data sigillo nostro visitatorio.

24 May, 1503. **216. Election of an Abbot of Barlings.**

Held on the death of Thomas Belesby by a commission. The decree appoints June 9th for holding the election.

(*See Vol.* 1, *No.* 68.)

No date: circa 1503 **217. Resignation of an Abbot of Barlings.**

William Forman places his resignation in the hands of the Abbot of Shapp.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 70.)

1503. **218. Grant of an Annuity, &c. to Abbot of Barlings.**

By John Bayns and the Convent of Barlings to William Forman, the late abbot.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 69.)

17 Oct., 1503. **219. Visitation of Barlings and Names of Community.**

NOMINA FRATRUM DE BARLINGES.

A. fol. 160 b.

Frater Johannes Waltham, prior.
„ Robertus Barton, supprior.
„ Willelmus Forman.
„ Johannes Bans.
„ Johannes Thomas.
Frater Johannes Holme.
„ [O]liverus Hodilston.
„ [S]imon Standrope.
„ [Wille]lmus Munkton.
„ [Robertus W]assyngbore.

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Frater [Robertus Ru]shforthe.
[„ Willelmus Y]ngoldm[els].
„ Johannes Kelsay.
„ Johannes Hornecastere.
„ Robertus Scheffelde.

Novicii non professi.
Frater Johannes Pynchbek.
„ Willelmus Hornecaster.
„ Johannes Yorke.
„ Willelmus Fulneby.

Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo tercio, xvii die men[sis f. 162.
Octobris, Nos Ricardus] permissione divina Eliensis episcopus, abbas monasterii Beate Ma[rie Magdalene de Schappra] Ordinis Premonstratensis, Karliolensis diocesis, Reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini [domini Johannis Dei et sancte sedis] Apostolice gracia Premonstratensis abbatis, tocius Anglie Wallie Sco[cie et Hibernie visitator et reformator] unicus et generalis, plenissima potestate legitime et litera[torie sufficienter deputatus, assumpto] nobiscum dilecto filio nostro magistro Thom[a Lucas decretis bacalario, canonico et] sacerdote nostri antedicti monasterii, visitavi[mus monasterium de Barlynges? nostri Ordinis] Lincolniensis diocesis [*ends here abruptly*].

IV. BEAUCHIEF *or* DE BELLO CAPITE.

THE abbey of Beauchief in Derbyshire was founded in A.D. 1183 from Welbeck. The following list of abbots is taken chiefly from Mr. Addy's *History of Beauchief*, and from a paper by Mr. Kirk in the *Reliquary*.

1228 (oc.). Jordan (Addy, p. 73).
1236–1237. Gilbert de Malmesbury (Harl. Ch. 43, A. 61(a); Add. MS. 28117, f. 31 b).
t. H. III. William (Woll. x. 46).
1272 (oc.). Rogerus (Harl. Ch. 85, E. 15).
1273 (oc.). Reginald (Addy, p. 73).
1276–1278. Ivo (ibid.).
1278. Roger de Foulstowe (ibid.).

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1310 (oc.). John (No. 3).
? Thomas de Doncaster (Addy, p. 73).
1350. Robert de Radcliffe (ibid.).
1393. John Norton I. or Roderham (ibid. p. 30; Add. MS. 28117, f. 27).
1395 (oc.). John de Derleye (Addy, p. 73).
1399–1413†). Robert de Bubnyll (Woll. ii. 51).
1423. William de Folkingham (Addy, *ut sup.*).
1431 (oc.)–1433. William Gresley (Woll. i. 14).
1433–1453. John Girdon (Addy, *ut sup.*).
1458–1462. John Downham (Nos. 143, 222).
1462–1478. John Swift (Addy, p. 96; Nos. 224, 234).
1478–1491. Thomas Wedur (Addy, p. 107; No. 238).
1494–1507. John Norton II. (†1530) (ibid.; Woll. i. 15).
1519. Christopher (Addy, *ut sup.*).
1519. John Greenwood, *alias* Sheffield (ibid.).

Feb., 1461.

220. Letter of John Swyft, Canon of Barlings, to the Abbot of Welbeck.

Complaints against the abbot of Barlings made to the abbot of the mother house.

P. fol. 109. (Reg. Prem. f. 102 b).

Unto myn excellent & myghty Fadyr & Maister, Fadyr abbat of Welbek.

Most honorable, myghty, & ryght gracious Fadyr, unto your excellent, worthie, ryght hye & reverent dignite, I your lowe suppleaunte, chanon & Beydman (thof I be full sympull & insufficiaunt) with all manner of Lowlynes, & diew recommendacyon me moste benigelie obeynge, ryght tenderlye & lowly recommende (replyeing ryght hartlye & devoutlie unto your moste graciouse Remembraunce & worthy Dyscretion) the grete, incessaunte crye of your moste pore Prysoner, your House of Beawcheff, calling unto you & sayinge in these wordes & forme foloynge, with loud

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voyce & myghtye (noght by himself, but by me, right sympull & unworthy, his Procurator for hym, at this tyme caused & required by greate oportunitye, verre Pietye, & Consciaunce).

Meke & full gracyouse Fadyr, in the Statuse & Balands of whose myghty Power, pure consciaunce, & most excellent discrecyon, the succor, Remedye, & redresse of my detestable schame, reproove, Poverte, & indigence, hynggs pondresse; viriliter amputa opprobrium meum, quod suspicatus sum, &c., cutte ye all-aboute & remove awaye fro me all my grete reproove, schame derision in which I am knowne & had suspect. For why? your doinse & juggements are full ryghtwyse, || & jocund: f. 109 b.

And behold, Faydr, I hafe abyden & desyred your succor & commaundments, therefore, in your equite & rightewessness, heyvesse me up & qwikken me, castyn downe & inexterminablye lying in the Dongyon of inordynate synne, enormyouse myserewles & wrechchednes; & in the Pryson of unrecuverable subversyon, Ruyne, destruction, inportable pauverte & indigence; & under the unpituouse, presumptuouse, & full unjantell & crwell jaylers of all maner of extortions, usurpations, collusions, Ryotes & Devastations, frome your saide Prisoner, unto my moste utter confusion.

And also forsoth, mightye Syr, your saide Prisoner (& I his sympull Procurator) bene righte vyrelye exhorted, desyred, & recomforted be my profest Bredyrs, Vicar of Norton, John Stiward, Stephen Power, & John Ughtybrig; whiche have cryed on me a grete whyle for to call your myghty, right frutefull, & expedient Counsell, succor & helpe for your sayde Prysoners house; and also be all the notable members & ministres of the kyrk in thiese partiese; and be ryght many oder noble & worthie secler persounes; heryng the grete sound of the vulgary fame, & havyng knowleg, compassion & pietie of the pouverte, grete nakednes & indigence, with all the circumstaunce of confusion of our saide prisoners howse stirryng me, be these words in metre,

Clama, ne cesses; veniunt post semina messes;
Post Lacrimas, risus; post hanc Hyemem Paradisus.

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& also moste of all for to drede, lest I be sene opunly to renne into the sentence gyven be the commyn Law, thus: *Consentientes et agentes pari pena punientes.* Frome which sentence, save your excellent pleasance, Jhesu kepe bothe youe & me: And that greatlye causes me to be feard of my Taciturnite.

f. 110. And thus all this Cuntreth bene expectaunt: suppos || ynge, lokynge aftyr, & harkenyng contynually of your moste gracyouse & myghty Remedy, succor, & Redresse of your saide frendeles prisoners house; *ut ubi habundavit peccatum & ordinis subversio, ibi et maturius, per vestrum subsidium fructuosum, superhabundarent et gratia, religionisque constructio.*

Wherfore, myghty & full reverent Fadyr, possesse ye this wordely Worschipp & thanke of this dede of charite! Purchesse ye, for this graciouse dede, a hee seate in Heaven; for now may ye. And bot if ye do itte son, it will be more *noiceouse* [*sic*] to brynge aboute securlye. And then, be negligence of your labor, visitacyon & comforth, your seeke prisoner is lyke to be incurable & perysched verelye. *Et revera nimirum, quia, ut asseritur, in maximis necessariis mora trahit periculum.* Bott then thoro the neede of your ryght vigilant & expedient labor of which thingges beforsayde, your most myghty & honorable Faderschipp & excellent dignite be lappyde in the gloriouse halfynge (?) of the heie Trinite.

Ryght wurthy, be ye wele remembred of the artykels of our last visitacyon, whiche ye scheude me in your chaumbor, wryten unto you be the visitor, & takes gude counsell of thaime. For ther is nothynge amendyd of thaim, as our abbott was sworne unto the sayde visitor. Wherthrugh hee standys in a perjury. & Jhesu preserve you frome all noiceaunce & adversite.

Fro your awne full obedyent & benygne chaplayn & servaunt att all tymes,

J. S[wift], chanon of Beawcheffe.

Notetis, si placeat, ut asseruit Sapientia, qui non minis blandis non corripitur, necesse est ut acrius puniatur.

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221. Letter of Abbot of Welbeck to Bishop Redman. **No date: 1461?**

Begs of him to come and visit the house of Beauchief, which is suspected of great disorder.

Reverendo Patri in Christo, D. Ricardo, D. G. Abbati monasterii Vallis Magdalene de Hepp, reverendissimi in Christo patris et D. D. Symonis abbatis Premonstratensis in omnibus partibus et circariis Anglie, Wallie, Scotie et Hibernie commissario generali, Johannes ejusdem patientia abbas humilis de Welbek, salutem, et virilitatem errata corrigere, et correcta suaviter in Domino confovere. P. fol. 110 b. (Reg. Prem. f. 103 a.)

Cum ad vestram speciali prerogativa pertineat preeminentiam tocius nostri Ordinis, in partibus et circariis predictis, cura et solicitudo; nos, in his que vires nostras excedunt, in ordine quotienscunque incumbit, ad vestrum refugium, quasi ad matris gremium, concurrimus, vestre consolationis et auxilii gratiam petituri.

Vestre igitur duximus significandum sanctitati, quod, sicut ex frequenti relatione fide digna, et clamosa insinuatione bonorum et gravium, nuper accepimus, vineam vestram et ecclesiam vestram de Bello Capite (que nostra est filia specialis) pro nimia cultorum incuria et negligentia agricolarum, per multos annos sterilis permansit et adhuc permanet; et jacet tarda, pigra, ac, ut ita dicam, quasi inutilis penitus et infructuosa.

Unde, apud nos vulgariter dictum est, quod, nisi (per vos, seu alios quoscumque quorum interest) aliis agricolis citius locetur et cultoribus, qui Domino fructum inde reddant suis temporibus uberiorem, penitus erit verisimiliter destructa, et infra brevi (quod absit) totaliter consumata, in magnum dedecus nostre religionis et scandalum non modicum, totique populo ridiculum generale.

Quocirca, vestram benignam paternitatem et dominationem instantissime rogamus ac petimus, quatenus, vestram predictam vineam gratia visitandi, quam citius commode poteritis, nostras ad partes declinare dignemini, cum celeritate et intuitu caritatis;

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vestram utique paternitatem, auctoritate vobis in hac parte commissa, ibidem prout causa requirit plenius exercere.[1]

Valeat vestra paternitas reverenda in Christo Salvatore nostro ad gregis vestri custodiam per tempora longiora. Scriptum in monasterio nostro predicto de Welbek, etc.

Vester in omnibus ad vota } in Domino.

February, 1461–2.

222. Trial and deposition of John Downham, Abbot of Beauchief.

Bishop Redman, with abbot of Welbeck and prior of St. Agatha's, holds an inquiry into the charges against the abbot, who flies from justice. He is found guilty of dilapidation, incontinence and rebellion, and deposed from his office.

P. fol. 111. (Reg. Prem f. 66 b.)

Anno Domini MCCCCLXI.. penultimo die mensis Februarii, Nos, Ricardus, permissione divina, humilis abbas Vallis Magdalene de Schappe etc., reverendissimi D. D. Symonis abbatis Premonstratensis in partibus Anglie etc. commissarius etc. assumpto nobiscum venerabili confratre abbate de Welbek et priore S. Agathe, ex mandato excellentissimi Regis nostri, aliorumque dominorum, procerum et votis fide-dignorum specialiter requisiti, descendimus ad ecclesiam de Bello Capite notoriis criminibus frequenti clamore multipliciter defamatam, in forma juris procedentes, ad inquisitionem, tam in capite quam in membris, omnibus et singulis dicte ecclesie confratribus sub stola, tactis sacro-sanctis juratis, super reformandis et corrigendis, ut meram nobis dicerent veritatem.

Ubi comperimus fratrem Johannem Downham, abbatem de Bello Capite, detectum et convictum de perjuriis solempnibus, dilapidationeque bonorum, incontinentia, rebellione et aliis quam plurimis criminibus notoriis, ut apparere possit per fratrum detecta, necnon et per informationem et sufficientes probationes, non a malivolis et maledicis, set a gravibus et fide-dignis.

[1] In MS. *executori.*

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Immo, quando detectus est, contumaciter defugit nostri Ordinis disciplinam, insurgendo cum armatis et armis defensivis, gladiis et fustibus, ductore maligno spiritu, exinde monasterium, juris et nostri Ordinis omnino relinquens processum; septem suorum canonicorum sibi conspiratis, et in eadem apostasia secum associatis.

Quare nos, in forma juris, dictum Johannem Downham cum dictis suis concanonicis citavimus ad comparendum coram nobis, in hujus monasterii domo capitulari, ad defendendum, excipiendum vel dicendum causam seu causas (si que fuerint) quare non debet ab omni officio et || beneficio deprivari et suis cum canonicis f. 111 b.
memoratis[1] excommunicari.

Et illi, tanquam filii proditionis, seu salutis immemores, abjectis obedientie meritis, contumaciter defugerunt. Et succrescente malicia crescere debet et pena.

Hinc est quod nos abbates prefati, Ordinis nostri judices, Deum habendo pre oculis, in memoriam deducentes magnam ruinam loci occulariter conspectam, incontinentiam personarum, delapidationem bonorum, cautelas criminosorum, deformitatem divinorum, et (quod dampnabilius est) in malis eorum indefessam perseverantiam; non ad sinistram declinantes neque ad dextram, aut eos qui corpora possunt occidere, set ipsum summum Judicem qui potest animas mittere in gehennam ignis, solummodo timendo: Auctoritate dicti domini Premonstratensis, dictum Johannem Downham, abbatem de Bello Capite, ejus meritis (contumacia comite) id exigentibus, deposuimus, et, ex sua prelacia, in scriptis exonerari decrevimus, in hiis verbis:

In Dei nomine, Amen. Nos Ricardus, abbas de Heppa et domini Premonstratensis verus commissarius, te fratrem Johannem Downham, hujus monasterii de Bello Capite abbatem, tua manifesta rebellione aliisque criminibus notoriis a te perpetratis, causantibus, et canonice probatis, auctoritate dicti domini Premonstratensis qua plenarie fungimur in hac parte, ab hujus ecclesie

[1] In MS. *memoriter*.

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officio pastorali, omni dignitate, possessione, et jure tibi in hac prelacia aliqualiter competenti (quas tanquam abbas tenuisti et habuisti) deponimus, absolvimus, et exoneramus; et sic te depositum, absolutum et exoneratum declaramus in hiis scriptis.

1461–2. **223. Excommunication of the late Abbot and the Canons who have sided with him.**

Bishop Redman pronounces the Greater Excommunication against the canons who have fled from their monastery and all who give them countenance or aid.

Ulterius procedendo in dictum Johannem Downham nuper abbatem de Bello Capite, Willielum Brotherton, Robertum Skyppton, Robertum Baxby, Johannem Corbrig, Robertum
fol. 112. Boland, Jo || hannem Pownffrett, Johannem Ascheton, suos complices et in crimine consortes, sententiam excommunicationis majoris decrevimus fulminandam, et excommunicatos esse et fuisse declaramus in hiis verbis:

In Dei nomine, Amen. Nos Ricardus de Heppa, et domini Premonstratensis verus commissarius, in plenitudine potestatis, te fratrem Johannem Downham, nuper abbatem de Bello Capite, et dictos Willielmum, Robertum, Johannem, Robertum, Robertum, Johannem, Johannem, tibi inherentes, legitime citatos, precognizatos, diu expectatos, et nullo modo comparentes, pronuntiamus contumaces, et, in pena contumacie, auctoritate dicti Premonstratensis, excommunicamus, anathematizamus, et a sancte Matris Ecclesie limitibus sequestramus; et non solum vos, set etiam omnes vestros auctores, fautores, consules, consentientes seu quomodolibet in crimine supportantes, excommunicatos esse et fuisse decrevimus in hiis scriptis.

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224. John Swyft is appointed Abbot of Beauchief in place of John Downham, deposed. 27 February, 1461–2.

The form of creation, by the abbot of the mother house, Welbeck.

Quibus peractis, invocata prius Spiritus Sancti gratia, prout moris est, ad novi abbatis creationem cepimus processum, monendo, quod, si qui fuerint suspensi, excommunicati seu interdicti, ut exeant capitulum, quia non intendimus procedere, si qui tales sint presentes. Etiam publice proclamando, si quis aliquod impedimentum proponere voluerit, quare preficiendum abbatem de novo non procederemus, accedere curent.

Nullo interposito impedimento, electione legitima cessante per absentiam et apostasiam quorundam hujus ecclesie canonicorum, qui in electione non habent locum, eo quod sunt criminosi notorii, et inde convicti; venerabilis frater noster abbas de Welbek (cui, in dicto monasterio de Bello Capite, auctoritate apostolica, juris et ordinis electionis respicit cura; et in eligendo, excrescente scismate, provisio sibi devoluta) providit, ordinavit, prefecit, instituit || et confirmavit dominum Johannem Swyft, virum circumspectum, providum et discretum, tam in temporalibus quam in spiritualibus, in patrem et pastorem dicte ecclesie, de Bello Capite, in hiis verbis: fol. 112 b.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Penultimo die mensis Februarii anno Domini M.CCCC.LXI., vacante ecclesia de Bello Capite per depositionem fratris Johannis Downham, nuper abbatis ejusdem ecclesie; nos Johannes, Dei patientia, abbas de Welbek et ejusdem ecclesie de Bello Capite (que nostra est filia spiritualis) pater abbas, de pastore ydoneo canonice providere volentes, ne viduitatis illius diutius pateretur incommoda (de consilio et assensu reverendi patris nostri abbatis de Heppa, domini Premonstratensis commissarii generalis, ac saniorum et seniorum fratrum dicte ecclesie, electione canonice cessante, eo quod, tanquam fugitivi, Ordinis jurisdictionem contumaciter defugerunt) te fratrem Johannem

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Swyfte, de gremio hujus ecclesie professum, in abbatem, patrem et pastorem monasterii de Bello Capite, auctoritate domini Pape, juris et ordinis (qua plenarie fungimur in hac parte) canonice providemus, preficimus, et ordinamus; et sic te provisum laudamus, approbamus, et confirmamus, in hiis scriptis.

Et sic, *Te Deum laudamus* cantando, ad ecclesiam ipsum adduxerunt; et in possessionem hujus ecclesie induximus corporalem, campanas in manus suas tradendo; et, ut moris est, installavimus. Ac ad capitulum iterato reversis, confratres hujus ecclesie presentes sibi manualem fecerunt obedientiam.

Omnia premissa et singula, omnibus quorum interest vel interesse poterit, notificamus per presentes. In quorum omnium fidem, robur, et testimonium, sigilla nostra, una cum sigillo communi hujus ecclesie de Bello Capite, duximus apponenda. Datum anno, mense, die et loco supradictis.

1462 (?) **225. Names of Electors of Beauchief.**

Those chosen per compromissum *to elect an abbot; no date, but probably at the election of John Swift.*

A. fol. 13 b. NOMINA COMPROMISSARIORUM DE BEWCHEFE.

Johannes Dale, supprior.
Robertus Skypton.
Johannes Eyscheton.
Johannes Peyton.
Johannes Crike.
Robertus Wollyfflyte.
Johannes Swyndon.

29 May, 1462. **226. Renunciation of the Opinions held by John Downham, late Abbot of Beauchief, by some of the Canons who sided with him.**

P. fol. 113 b. (Reg. Prem. f. 106 b.) Opinionum et articulorum quos Johannes Downham, nuper abbas de Bello Capite, et complices ejus, contra predictos D. Ricardum Redman, commissarium generalem, Johannem Grene, abbatem de Welbek, et Johannem Swyft, abbatem de Bello Capite, tenue-

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runt; a Roberto Sapton, Roberto Baxby, Johanne Corbryg. Willelmo Brotherton, Johanne Powmffrett, et Johanne Aston, renunciatio:

In Dei nomine, Amen. Per presens publicum instrumentum constet omnibus manifeste, quod anno ab Incarnatione Domini secundum cursum et computationem Ecclesie Anglicane M.CCCC.LXII, indictione decima, Pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo Patris et Domini nostri Pii divina providentia Pape II. anno quarto, mensis vero Maii xxix., in domo capitulari infra monasterium B. Marie, Sanctique Jacobi Apostoli de Welbek situata, in mei notarii publici et testimoniorum subscriptorum presentia personaliter constitutus, religiosus vir, frater Robertus Sapton, canonicus de Bello Capite, Ordinis Premonstratensis, non metu neque vi ductus, set pure, sponte, et absolute renunciavit et revocavit omnes opiniones et articulos, quos seu quas Johannes Downham, nuper abbas de Bello Capite, et complices ejus posuerunt et tenuerunt contra reverendos patres, dominum Ricardum Redmayn, abbatem de Heppa; dominum Johannem Grene, abbatem de Welbek; et dominum Johannem Swyfte, abbatem de Bello Capite.

Et idem Robertus renunciavit quibuscunque exceptionibus, juribus, alligationibus, applicationibus et defensionibus, per quas posset facere vel venire contra premissa.

Volo etiam ego, Robertus predictus, et concedo, non metu neque vi ductus, quod de certo inhabilis existam ad quamcunque electionem seu aliquod beneficium ecclesiasticum, optinendum, si contra premissa, vel aliquod premissorum, quicquam per me, seu nomine meo, fuerit factum vel attemptatum.

Idem, Robertus Baxby, Johannes Corbryg, Willielmus Brotherton, Johannes Powmffret, et Johannes Aston.

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5 May, 1472. **227. Visitation of Beauchief.**

Bishop Redman finds the house in good order. Some small observances, such as silence and the tendency to diminish the size of the tonsure, require to be looked to.

P. fol. 114. (Reg. Prem. f. 35.)

Anno Domini M.CCCC.LXXII., mensis Maii die v., nos Ricardus, permissione divina, abbas monasterii B. Marie Magdalene de Heppa, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Karliolensis Diocesis, Reverendissimi in Christo patris et D. D. Huberti, Dei et Sancte Sedis Apostolice gratia, Premonstratensis abbatis, in regnis et omnibus partibus Anglie, Wallie, Scotie et Hibernie commissarius generalis, plenissima potestate legitime deputatus: Visitavimus ecclesiam de Bello Capite, nostri dicti Ordinis, Covent. et Lichf. Dioc., in spiritualibus et temporalibus, in capite et membris:

ubi capud et membra vinculo caritatis, dilectionis et pacis connectuntur; et servicii divini ministerium sibi traditum devote compleverunt;

ex abbatis sollicitudine, temporalia in bonis meliorantur, et debita minorantur: in edificiis et reparationibus dicta viget ecclesia.

Quasdam minores observantias decrevimus in melius reformandas: primo et precipue, in silentio locis deputatis, sub pena statuti:

et solummodo in fine versiculorum, et non in medio, cantent *Alleluia* in paschali tempore; cum antiphona, *Regina Celi*[1] *letarè*, in omnibus vesperis B. Marie, in eodem tempore.

Precipimus etiam, ne tonsure minorentur canonicorum, et non utantur ad usum secularium.

Omnes confratres hujus monasterii capitulariter congregatos, ab omnibus sententiis juris et ordinis absolvimus, et eos absolutos per presentes declaramus.

In compertis nostris alia non habemus corrigenda seu merito generali capitulo referenda.

[1] *Celia* in MS.

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In ultima visitatione debuit dicta ecclesia xl.l. || xiii.s. nunc vero xx.l. Domo in granis et aliis necessariis sufficienter provisa. f. 114 b.

228. Visitation of Beauchief by the Abbot of Welbeck. **20 October, 1472.**

The visitation made after a new election. Owing to the care of the late abbot the general state is good: the cloister silence is not kept properly, and the canons sometimes give themselves to potations at night.

Anno Domini M.CCCC.LXXII, mensis vero Octobris die xx., nos Frater Willielmus, permissione divina, abbas monasterii de Welbek, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis, assumpto nobiscum venerabili patre . . . Dei gratia, abbate de D[ale], visitavimus ecclesiam nostram filialem de B[eauchef] diligenter et attente, in capite viduatam; in qua quidem inquisitione, ut moris est, in ordine facientes, summam pacem et mutuam concordiam inter membra ad invicem in vinculis caritatis comperimus connexa; P. fol. 115. (Reg. Prem. f. 19 a.)

Statum temporalem secundum dierum maliciam provida pastoris nuper defuncti dispositione laudabili gubernatum;

Serviciumque divinum et disciplinam regularis observantie plenius solito studiosius observatam.

Verum etiam de modo et forma nove electionis ibidem celebrate, secundum Ordinis nostri privilegia et statuta, scrutinium a singulis fratribus dicte ecclesie facientes, et nullum defectum in ea parte invenientes, ipsam electionem rite et canonice celebratam, auctoritate nostra, ratificavimus, approbavimus, et tenore presentium confirmavimus.

Invenimus tunc in ecclesia predicta quandam cantariam octo sacerdotum minus debite observatam;

clavesque religionis et claustrum, temporibus et locis oportunis non custoditas;

Item, in noctibus, post Completorium, fratres exeunt claustrum, et tamdiu vigilant et potationibus utuntur, quod in mediis noctibus, tempore matutinarum, vigilare non possunt.

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Item quod fratres exeunt monasterium, non simul (secundum statuta) set ille in uno loco, alius in altero, secundum suum velle, vadunt.

Aliud quidem in ecclesia predicta non reperientes nostra correctione dignum seu generali Capitulo referendum; tamen in-
f. 115 b. junximus abbati de novo creato, in virtute || sancte obedientie et sub pena excommunicationis majoris, ut quam cito commode poterit manus apponat adjutrices ad singula emendenda premissa, temporibus oportunis.

Datum apud B[eauchef] predictum, sub sigillo officii nostri, etc.

Debuit autem ecclesia predicta hac in nostra visitatione lx.ł. Granariis ad unam septimanam omnino non stuffatis.

28 April, 1475.

229. Visitation of Beauchief.

The abbot of Welbeck visits Beauchief as a daughter house and praises the state in which he finds everything.

P. fol. 116. (Reg. Prem. f. 18 b.)

Anno Domini M.CCCCLXXV., die S. Vitalis, Nos Willielmus, Dei patientia, abbas monasterii de Welbek, Eboracencis diocesis, visitavimus ecclesiam nostram filialem de Bello Capite, sive de Bewchefe, auctoritate nostra paterna, tam in capite quam in membris; ubi strictius inquirentes, discipline regularis observantias invenimus laudabiliter efflorere;

Faciem vero status exterioris, velud in reparationibus domorum, in granorum necessariis, per venerabilem dicte ecclesie pastorem, largissime prosperare; dicteque ecclesie patrem ac religiosum conventum, in unitatis et pacis vinculo, comperimus conjunctos; et sicut eos invenimus, sic solidatos dimisimus.

Cetera non comperimus nostra correctione digna, seu Capitulo generali referenda.

Debuit autem dicta ecclesia, in nostra visitatione, tantum . . .

Debetur predicto monasterio tantum ad annum integrum . . . omnimodis granis totalis stuffatio.

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230. Answers to the formal Visitation Questions. **1478.**

Cenobium de Bello Capite, sive Beauchief, P. fol. 117. (Reg. Prem. f. 116 b.)
in [Comitatu Derbie et]
Diocesi Coventrie et Lichfeldie;
in festo S. Thome Apostoli M.CLXXXIII.
[a Roberto, filio Ranulfi], fundatum est;
in honore S. Thome Martyris.
Abbas de Welbek est pater abbas.
Tres habet ecclesias.
Canonici vicarii sunt perpetui.
Thomas Cheworth est fundator (sive patronus).

231. Visitation of Beauchief. **27 May, 1478.**

Bishop Redman has nothing to find fault with or refer to General chapter; ordered the careful observance of silence and punishment of those transgressing; regulated certain daily prayers. Rob. Bowland and John Norton, were suspended for not appearing, and ordered to put in an appearance at Welbeck on the Saturday following, to show cause why they should not be excommunicated; Abbot ordered to provide stalls in the choir as soon as he possibly can.

VISITACIO DE BEWCHEFE.

Anno Domini M°.CCCCLXXVIII°., mensis Maii die xxvii°., Nos A. fol. 11 b.
Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Beuchefe nostri dicti Ordinis, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis. Inquisicione facta, ut ex officio nostro tenemur, nulla nostra correcione digna comperimus aut generali Capitulo referenda. Sed pro majori securitate de silencio, clavi religionis custodiendo, in locis ad hoc deputatis, injunximus abbati et presidentibus conventus, sub pena contemptus, corrigere delinquentes juxta statuta. Et cotidie in missa cantetur *Letatus sum* cum collectis consuetis. Et fratres Robertum Bowland et Johannem Norton suspensos, in [*sic*] non com-

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parendo coram nobis in dicta visitacione denunciavimus in scriptis, citantes eosdem coram nobis personaliter comparere in monasterio de Welbek die sabbati proximo futuro post datum presencium, ad dicendam causam quare non debeant excommunicari. Et domino abbati consuluimus et mandavimus pro edificio stallorum in choro quam cito commode potuerit. In ultima visitacione debuit dictum monasterium xx^{ti} markas, modo vero xl. ti. In granis et aliis necessariis sufficienter provisum. Datum etc.

1478 (?) **232. Names of the Community.**

IN MONASTERIO DE BELLOCAPITE.

A. fol. 5 b.

Dominus Johannes Swyft, abbas.
Frater Robertus Skypton, supprior.
Robertus Hertley.
Johannes Aston, circator.
Robertus Wollfett, subcellerarius.
Willelmus Stondon.
Thomas Peton, diaconus.
Johannes Crokys, accolitus.
Willelmus Cassall, alias Wyddoson, quondam canonicus de Dale.
Johannes Norton, apostata.
Robertus Bowland, apostata.
Robertus Baxby, apostata.
Stephanus Power, vicarius.
Willelmus Kychen, vicarius.
Wyllelmus Brotherton, vicarius.

1478. **233. Names of the Community at the Visitation.**

Replies to the general questions.

MONASTERIUM DE BEWCHEFE.

A. fol. 18 b.

Thomas Cheworthe fundator est dicti monasterii. Abbas de Welbek est pater abbas. Tres habent ecclesias [quarum] canonici sunt vicarii perpetui. Fundatum erat dictum monasterium in honore sancti Thome martiris, anno Domini M°. C. octogesimo tercio, in festo sancti Thome apostoli.

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Dompnus Johannes Swyft, abbas.
Frater Robertus Skypton, circator.
„ Johannes Haston.
„ Robertus Wollfett, cantor.
„ Thomas Panton, cellerarius.
„ Willelmus Swenden, sacrista.
Frater Johannes Crake.
„ Stephanus Power, vicarius de Wymmewold.[1]
„ Willelmus Brodyrton, vicarius de Affyrton.[2]
„ Willelmus Kychen, vicarius de Norton.[3]
„ Robertus Bowland } extra monasterium.
„ Johannes Norton } extra monasterium.

234. Translation of John Swift, Abbot of Beauchief, to Newhouse. **3 June, 1478.**

Johannis Swyft, abbatis de Bello Capite, ad ecclesiam de Newhous, per Ricardum Redman, D. Huberti, Abbatis Premonstratensis Commissarium generalem, translatio, 3 Jun. M.CCCCLXXVIII. P. fol. 117 b. (Reg. Prem. f. 25 b.)

[*The document does not follow in the MS.*]

235. Letter of Bishop Redman to the Abbot of Welbeck. **25 June, 1478.**

To summon the apostate canons to show cause why they should not be excommunicated. They are to appear at Titchfield on the 21st of July.

Ricardus Asavensis episcopus, etc., Willielmo, abbati de Welbek, salutem in Virginis Filio. P. fol. 115.

Vobis firmiter et districte mandamus, quatenus citetis seu citari faciatis Robertum Skippton, Johannem Ascheton, Thomam Payton, et Johannem Creke, Dei patientia, concanonicos de Bello Capite;

Quod personaliter compareant coram nobis in monasterio de Tychefeld, xxi. die mensis Julii proximo futuro, ad ostendendum

[1] *I.e.* Wimeswould in Leicestershire.
[2] *I.e.* Offerton in Derbyshire. [3] Four miles from Sheffield.

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Ubi etiam fratres Robertum Boland et Johannem Northon, coram nobis legitime citatos et nullo modo comparentes, pronunciavimus contumaces, et in penam eorum contumacie suspendimus et suspensos declaravimus. Injunximus etiam abbati monasterii predicti quod citet, seu citari faciat, prefatos fratres ad comparendum coram nobis in monasterio de Barlings, ultimo die mensis Julii proxime futuro post datum presencium, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, responsuros et subituros quod justicia in hac parte suadebit. Tonsuras insuper fratrum decrevimus reformandas, ut sint ad minus super aurem tres digitos extendentes nostri secundum Ordinis instituta. Debuit dictum monasterium in creacione antedicti abbatis c. ti., modo [non]nisi xx. ti. laudabili abbatis providencia; omnibus aliis sufficienter stauratum. Datum etc.

1482. **238. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BEWCHEFFE.

A. fol. 69.

Dominus Thomas Wyder, abbas.
Frater Johannes Croke, suprior.
,, Johannes Aston.
,, Thomas Payton, cantor.
,, Johannes Bothum.
,, Edmundus Fournesse.
,, Willelmus Kechyn, vicarius de Norton.
,, Stephanus Powher, vicarius de Wymyswold.
Frater Willelmus Broyerton, vicarius de Afferton.
,, Robertus Skypton, prior.
,, Johannes Norton.
,, Robertus Wolfett, circator.
,, Willelmus Swynden.
,, Ricardus Brasse, sacrista.
,, Willelmus Dronfeld.

In hoc monasterio per septimanam x modios frumenti et xvi modios avene et iiii^or ordei brachii et iiii boves, xxxxviii oves, et xii porcos.

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239. Visitation at Beauchief. **25 May, 1488.**

The house found to be in good state; three canons punished for not keeping the silence; the abbot charged to correct any breaches of this law and to see that the community study at the proper times.

VISITACIO MONASTERII BEATE MARIE DE BEWCHEFFE.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCC. LXXXVIII., XXV. die mensis Maii. A. fol. 69.
Nos Ricardus etc. assumpto nobiscum fratre nostro Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore dicti nostri monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium nostri Ordinis de Bewcheffe, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis; ubi venerabilem comperimus patrem subditis suis || pium pariter et modestum, et omnia eisdem necessaria f. 69 b.
ministrantem. Quosdam fratres, videlicet Robertum Skypton, Johannem Norton et Edmundum Furnes comperimus necligentes silencium frangendo, quare predictis singulis injunximus unam diem in pane et aqua et, ob solempnitatem diei, disciplinam inde debitam eis remittendo; omnibus fratribus precipientes sub pena statuti, sine aliqua remissione, delinquentibus injungenda ut de cetero in melius reformentur. Et insuper domino abbati in mandatis districte dedimus, in virtute salutaris obediencie, quatinus subditos in hoc delinquentes attrociter corrigat, seu debite castigari procuret. Et ut suos subditos instrui sciencia faciat, temporeque leccionis libris prout tenentur vacare. Alia ad presens non invenimus corrigenda, sed cetera discrecioni abbatis interponimus reformanda, cujus insuper provida et circumspecta provisione dicta ecclesia onere debitorum nisi x^{li} constat obligata, licet ultima visitacione xx^{li} erat onustata; animalibus, frugibus, et omnibus aliis domus commoditatibus habundanter stuffata. Datum sub sigillo nostro visitatorio, anno, mense, etc.

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1488. **240. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE BEUCHEFFE.

A. fol. 44 b.

Dominus Thomas Wyder, abbas.
Dominus Robertus Skypton, prior.
Stephanus Power, vicarius de Wymundeswald.[1]
Wyllelmus Broyerton, vicarius de Oferton.[1]
Robertus Boland, extra cum licencia.
Johannes Northon, extra cum licencia.
Thomas Standen.
Wyllelmus Wyddoson.
Johannes Aschton.
Robertus Wlfatt.
Thomas Paton, cantor, vicarius de Norton.[1]
Wyllelmus Swyndall.
Johannes Croke, subcellerarius.
Johannes Bothum, sacrista.
Ricardus Brasse. } novicii.
Wyllemus Yrton. }

20 August, 1491. **241. Visitation of Beauchief.**

The house in a good state; the community are warned to be careful about keeping money; one canon did not appear, and was suspended and cited to Newhouse to answer for his contempt; everything in good repair.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BEUCHEFF.

A. fol. 93.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI., XX. die mensis Augusti Nos Ricardus, etc., assumpto nobiscum prout supra, visitavimus monasterium de Beucheff nostri dicti Ordinis, Coventriensis et Lychfeldensis diocesis; ubi fratres veros comperimus religiosos, quos eciam prelatus paternali complectitur amore; nihilominus tamen omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus districte sub pena excommunicacionis precipimus ne horum aliquis ultra summam xx^{ti} s. sibi retinere clandestine audeat, sed ad minus semel in anno

[1] See previous notes.

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proprio prelato revelet, ne aliter facientes proprietariorum numero cum Juda traditore dampnentur, quia dum scitit lucrum pervenit ad laqueum. Ac insuper precipimus ne extra scitum monasterii nocte aut die exeant, absque licencia abbatis petita et optenta. Et Willelmum Wydoson, canonicum ejusdem monasterii, coram nobis legitime citatum, diu exspectatum et non comparentem, pronunciavimus contumacem pariter et suspensum, ulterius citantes eundem quod compareat coram nobis in monasterio de Neuhous in crastino sancti Augustini proxime futuro, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris. Haud plus ad presens non comperimus. Sed quantum ad statum dicti monasterii tantum debetur eidem monasterio, quantum debet alias, laudabilibus dictam ecclesiam conspeximus ornamentis edificiis et reparacionibus ornatam, ita ut cum propheta dicere digne possit, *Domine, dilexi decorem domus tue*; necnon eciam in animalibus [et] peccoribus augetur multo magis quam prius. In granis tamen nunc nisi ex provisione. Datum etc.

242. Names of the Community. **1491.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BEUCHEFFE.

Dominus Thomas Wyddure, abbas.
Frater Johannes Nortone.
„ Johannes Astene, extra monasterium.
„ Robertus Wolsede.
„ Thomas Paytone, extra monasterium.
Frater Willelmus Syndene. A. fol. 112
„ Johannes Bothum.
„ Ricardus Brasse.
„ Willelmus Hystone.
„ Willelmus Wedosone, extra monasterium.

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25 May, 1494. **243. Visitation of Beauchief.**

A canon found guilty of rebellion and incontinence; is punished severely and removed to another house. At the intercession of the abbot and community the punishment is held over to see whether there is amendment.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BEUCHEFF.

A. fol. 122 b. Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXIIII., die vero mensis Maii XXV., Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro Roberto Bedalle, canonico nostri dicti monasterii, visitavimus monasterium de Beucheff, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis; ubi quendam comperimus fratrem, Robertum Wolfet, tam vulgo tocius patrie quam tocius conventus relacione, fuisse multipliciter diffamatum de diversis abhominabilibus criminibus et excessibus, videlicet de manifesta rebellione contra prelatum et presidentes armata manu, volens eosdem ferire, necnon de apostasia et de lapsu carnis cum quadam muliere, vocata Johanna Stevyne, cum qua habuit et habet testem super terram, de quibus a nobis impetitus premissorum aliquid negare non valuit, sed misericordiam anxius imploravit, cui tamen pro rebellione prout infertur xl^ta^ dierum gravioris culpe penitencia sibi injuncta, et emissione per triennium ad monasterium de Tore. Necnon eciam pro incontinencia sua injunximus xl^ta^ dierum gravioris culpe et emissionem per triennium ad prefatum monasterium de Tore duximus subiturum; sed tunc proprio suo prelato cum omnibus suis confratribus, coram nobis prostratis, super genua incumbentes nos multimodis intercessionibus effectuose flagitabant pro eodem, quorum supplicationibus ad misericordiam inclinati, prefatam penitenciam ac emissionem continuavimus usque post reversionem nostram proximam, videlicet festum Assumpcionis Beate Marie proxime futurum post datum presencium, sicuti se habuerit, religiose an male, tempus amissum redimentem, an indies deterius se habentem. Super quo domino abbati precipimus sub

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pena deposicionis, et fratribus dicte ecclesie sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, nos debite ad dictum diem de emendacione ejusdem veraciter certificare. Precipimus insuper domino abbati et conventui sub pena contemptus quatenus decreta ultimi Capituli provincialis perquirent, et eadem in suis libris debite ascribi faciant pariter et observari. Tonsuram fratrum precipimus de cetero minorari et secundum statuta nostri Ordinis reformari. Dictam ecclesiam comperimus nil in debitis habentem, ceteris autem omnibus intus et exterius satis habundanter provisam. Datum sub sigillo etc.

244. Names of the Community. 1494.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE BEUCHEFFE.

Dominus Johannes Nortone, abbas.
Frater Thomas Patone, supprior.
,, Ricardus Holynbryge, vicarius de Wemswalde.
,, Johannes Cruk, vicarius de Nortone.
,, Willelmus Brothertone, vicarius de Alfertone.
,, Johannes Astone, capellanus cantarie de Alfertone.
,, Robertus Wolfete.
,, Willelmus Swyndalle, cellerarius.
Frater Johannes Bothume. A. fol. 116.
,, Ricardus Brasse, circator et cantor chori.
,, Willelmus Dronfelde, sacrista.
,, Reginaldus Balle, accolitus et succentor.
,, Edmundus Furnes, licenciatus.
,, Robertus Bolande, licenciatus.
,, Georgius Lytylporte, canonicus de Westderham.

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25 August, 1497.

245. Names of the Community and Visitation of Beauchief.

One canon serving in a benefice is charged with disobedience, with speaking against his superior, and also with incontinence. He denies the charge and is ordered to attend at Welbeck on the 3rd of September to have the case tried.

Nomina Fratrum Monasterii de Beucheffe.

A. fol. 132 b.

Dominus Johannes Nortone, abbas.
Frater Johannes Crok, vicarius de Nortone.
,, Ricardus Holynbrige, vicarius de Wenswolde.
,, Thomas Paytone, supprior.
,, Johannes Astone.
,, Robertus Wolfet, circator.
Frater Willelmus Swyndalle, cellerarius.
,, Johannes Bothum.
,, Ricardus Brasse, cantor.
,, Willelmus Darntone, sacrista.
,, Willelmus Dronfelde.
,, Rolandus Bolle, succentor.
,, Edmundus Furnes, licenciatus.

Visitacio ejusdem.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXVII., XXV. die vero mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc. assumpto nobiscum, ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Beucheffe, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis; ubi in mandatis dedimus quatenus psalmodiam discrete cantent, in fine non sic protrahendo voce non descendentes sed se exaltantes. Ricardum Holynbrige, quondam canonicum monasterii de Welbek, racione beneficii sui coram nobis domino abbati de Beucheffe, a quo presentacionem dicti beneficii accepit, manualem constrinximus facere obedienciam, qui insuper de incontinencia, inobediencia et diffamacione proprii sui prelati impetitus; super qua diffamacione juramentum prestitit nunquam se quoquomodo predictum prelatum diffamasse. Penes quas nihilominus ad majorem harum interim evidenciam eidem

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Ricardo precipimus, tercio die mensis Septembris proxime futuro in monasterio de Welbek, coram || nobis comparere, et ibidem quod justicia in hac parte requirit humiliter subire. Propter non modica edificia, multasque reparaciones, cum maximis ceteris omnibus debita dicte domus multiplicantur, et sunt ad presens iiii^{xx}. marce. In omnimodis aliis, tam animalibus, granis, et ceteris necessariis, laudabiliter comperimus provisam. Datum etc. f. 133.

246. Names of Community and Visitation of Beauchief. 12 May, 1500.

One of the canons, William Darnton, declared to be a fugitive and apostate; for the rest, the house is well governed.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BEUCHEFF. A. fol. 146 b.

Sacerdotes.

Dominus Johannes Norton, abbas.
Frater Johannes Crok, vicarius de Nortone.
„ Ricardus Holynbryge, vicarius de Wymswolde.
„ Thomas Peptone, prior.
„ Johannes Bothame, supprior.
„ Robertus Bolande.
„ Johannes Astone, sacrista.

Sacerdotes.

Frater Robertus Wolfleet, circator.
„ Willelmus Swyndelle, cellerarius.
„ Ricardus Brasse, cantor.
„ Wyllelmus Dronfelde, subsacrista.
„ Rolandus Baalle, subcantor.
„ Edmundus Foornes, licentiatus.
„ Willelmus Darntone, apostata.

VISITACIO DICTI MONASTERII.

Anno Domini MV^{c}, xii. die mensis Maii, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratri nostro Roberto Bedalle,

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canonico professo et sacerdote nostri dicti monasterii de Schappare, visitavimus monasterium de Beucheff, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis; ubi fratrem Willelmum Darntone profugum et apostatam excommunicatum pronunciamus. Cetera omnia intus et extra ordinate comperimus directa una cum concordia inter capud et membra, abbas suis subditis prebens cuncta necessaria. Tamen debita, ob regia sive ecclesiastica onera, non potuit minorare. Sed adhuc prout prius dicta ecclesia iiii^{xx} marcis vel majus constat onusta. In granis nunquam tam ditissime provisa, et animalibus ceterisque necessariis omnimodis laudabiliter dicti abbatis providencia stuffata. Et omnes ibidem in nostra presencia comparentes suis meritis exigentibus ab omnibus sentenciis juris et ordinis duximus absolvendos. Data.

3 April, 1501. **247. Visitation of Beauchief by the Abbot of Welbeck.**

He found peace and concord in the daughter house; subprior punished for disputing with his prior before seculars; canons not to go out of enclosure to attend spectacles, nor to go out of bounds without leave of superior.

P. fol. 120 (Reg. Prem. f. 108 b.)

Anno Domini MCCCCCI., tertio die Aprilis, Nos T., abbas de Welbek, accessimus ad ecclesiam de Bello Capite, filiam nostram specialem, ex mandato reverendissimi D. D. Ricardi Eliensis epi. oretenus nobis collato; in qua facta diligenter inquisitione super utroque statu, invenimus eandem satis munitam tam in temporalibus quam in spiritualibus; Deo laudes.

Inter caput et membra mutuam pacem et concordiam.

Corrigentes in ea et reformantes que secundum Deum et Ordinis nostri statuta invenimus corrigenda, hortamur D. abbati ut diligenter vigilet[1] super gregem sibi commissum, prout velit respondere coram Deo in ultimo examine. Etiam injunximus priori, suppriori, et circatori, ut quilibet secundum statuta Ordinis nostri diligenter custodiant sua officia illis injuncta:

[1] In MS. *vexelat.*

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Verum et suppriori penam x. dierum, quia proterve contendebat cum suo priore, in presentia secularium: Ac etiam Roberto Wulflet eandem, ad arbitrium sui proprii prelati.

Et ut non licentient fratres suos exire extra limites predicti monasterii ad communia spectacula, nec ad aliquem villalem locum extra septa nec intra, sine, a proprio suo prelato, speciali licentia.

Debuit hec ecclesia in ultima Visitatione IIII^{xx} marcas. In ista, ut dicit abbas, xl.ti.

V. BEGHAM *or* BAYHAM.

BEGHAM or Bayham, in the county of Kent, was established in A.D. 1200, directly from the head house of the Order at Prémontré, and was dedicated to the Annunciation of the Blessed Virgin. The following is the very imperfect list of abbots it has been possible to compile.

t. H. II.	Roger (Hugo, vol. i. col. 246).
1228.	Reginald (Close Rolls, 12 Hen. III. p. 92; Eg. Ch. 375).
1277 (oc.).	Reginald (Rot. Pat. 5 Ed. I.).
1296.	Richard (*Cal. Anc. Deeds*, iv. 515, A. 10238).
1305–1315.	Lawrence (Rot. Pat. 33 Ed. I. p. 394).
1315.	Lucas de Coldone.
1345 (oc.).	Simon (No. 544).
1355 (oc.).	William (*Hist. MSS. Comm.*, *5th Report*, App. p. 509).
1405.	Robert Frendsbury (*Monast.* vi. p. 910).
1411–1429.	John Cheetham (Harl. Ch. 44, A. 15, and 76 G. 49).
1437–1438.	William Maydeston (Add. Ch. 30078).
1444–1458 (oc.).	Thomas Schorham (Early Ch. Proc., Bund. 6, No. 78).
1459–1475.	Thomas Cotingham (*Monast.* vi. p. 910; Nos. 144, 250).
1478.	Robert Hertley (No. 253).
1488–1491.	Robert Nash (No. 254, 256).
1494–1522.	Richard Bexley (No. 258).

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1472 (?) **248. Visitation of Begham** [imperfect].

Canons serving churches to return within a week following. State of monastery very unsatisfactory through bad management of foregoing prelates, who have incurred debt to over 900 marks. Very poorly supplied with grain and other necessaries.

VISITATION OF BEGHAM (a fragment).

A. fol. 14. . . . restituimus, ac ut eligere valeat et eligi per presentes inhabilitamus. Precipimus etiam omnibus canonicis [etiam] extra monasterium celebrantibus, sub pena excommunicationis majoris, [ut] accedant ad claustrum et ibidem in domo propria remaneant et Deo ut tenentur deserviant infra septimanam proximam sequentem, hiis exceptis, qui in ecclesiis sibi appropriatis deserviunt. Status hujus monasterii valde debilis est iniquo regimine prelatorum predictorum, qui obligaverunt dictum monasterium in summa debitarum ix^{c} markarum et ultra. Et granis et aliis necessariis domicilii pauperrime stauratum. Datum etc.

1472 (?) **249. List of Community.**

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE BIGHAM.

A. fol. 46 b.

Dominus [left blank].
Frater Johannes Dalle, supprior.
,, Thomas Cothingham.
,, Wyllelmus Thornton.
,, Ricardus Bexley.
Frater Thomas Welus.
,, Thomas Fischer.
,, Wyllelmus Meskyn.
,, Thomas Grenwiche.

6 June, 1475. **250. Names of the Community of Begham.**

IN MONASTERIO DE BEGHAM.

A. fol. 4. Dominus Thomas Cotyngham, abbas. Frater Willelmus Thornton, supprior.

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Johannes Falcle, apostata.
Willelmus Falcle.
Robertus Nasche, vicarius.
Johannes Maynard.
Ricardus Baxley.
Johannes Marston, apostata.
Johannes Hilton, diaconus et circator.
Johannes Drake.
Thomas Studley.
Ricardus Greg.

251. Answers to the General Questions at a Visitation of Begham. **1478.**

RESPONSIONES.

Cenobium de Begham, P. fol. 121. (Reg. Prem. f. 117 a.)
in [Comitatu Kantie et]
Diocesi Cantuarie;
Anno Domini M.CC.
[ab Ela de Sankvile] fundatum est;
in honore B. Marie Virginis ad Festum Annunciationis.
Abbas Premonstrati est pater abbas.
Quinque habet ecclesias.
Quidam canonici sunt curati et perpetui; et quidam seculares sunt curati.
Humfridus Sackwyle est fundator (sive patronus).

252. Visitation of Begham. **3 Sept., 1478.**

Bishop Redman excommunicates three apostates; urges the abbot to get more members; finds the house greatly dilapidated through the faulty administration of two abbots; the buildings must be repaired at once.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BIGHAM.

Anno Domini quo supra, iii. die mensis Septembris, Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Bigham, nostri dicti Ordinis; ubi tres comperimus apostatas, quos excommunicatos denunciavimus. Et domino abbati districtissime precipiendo A. fol. 37 b.

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mandavimus quatinus congreget et numerum canonicorum augeat,
f. 38. ut ad minus || sex in conventu cotidie sint, ut divinum servicium die et nocte persolvant. Et quia oculariter conspicimus dictum monasterium maxima fore ruina et, nisi cito diligens adhibeatur reparacio, usque ad terras cuncte ibidem domus ruerentur; quare dicto domino abbati in mandatis dedimus sub pena deposicionis ut, cum omni festinacione et celeritate quibus aliquo modo possit, predictas domos, videlicet dormitorium, refectorium, pistrinum, aulam cum omnibus aliis reparari, reedificari et sustentari procuret
f. 38 b. et || ulterius ab hoc non desistat seu tempus prolonget. Et in precedenti visitacione, per maximam dilapidacionem duorum abbatum se precedencium, et multas obligaciones per predictos sigillo communi firmatas, ad extremam confusionem, monasterium debuit dictum ix^{c} markas. Sed modo per solicitam provisionem et indefessum laborem ex illis redimere fecit et adquisivit circiter summam iii^{c} li.; in granis ac rebus aliis ejus administracione quesitis satis provisum. Datum etc.

1478. **253. General Answers at a Visitation and List of Community.**

BEGHAM.

A. fol. 22. Umfridus Sakwyll est fundator. Abbas Premonstratensis est pater abbas. Quinque habet ecclesias, canonici sunt curati perpetui et quidam seculares curati. Fundatum erat dictum monasterium in honore beate Marie virginis ad festum Annunciacionis, anno Domini M^{o} CC^{mo}.

Dompnus Robertus Hertley, abbas.
Frater Thomas Cotyngham, quondam abbas.
,, Willelmus Fawkley.
,, Robertus Nasche.
Frater Ricardus Bexley.
,, Willelmus Thornton.
,, Johannes Drakes.
,, Thomas Willes.
,, Ricardus Greg, novicius non professus.

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254. Visitation of Begham and List of the Community. **17 July, 1488.**

Bishop Redman deplores the small number of the community, which does not allow the divine office to be said properly; urges mutual obedience; he remits the punishment of one canon who has struck another, on his doing penance.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BEGHAM.

Dominus Robertus Naysch, abbas
Frater Thomas Cotyngham, quondam abbas.
„ Ricardus Bexley, supprior.
„ Thomas Studley.
Frater Ricardus Gregge, sacrista. A. fol. 177.
„ Thomas Willous, vicarius.
„ Thomas Preston.
„ Wyllelmus Ledds.
„ Johannes Eklysfeld, cellerarius.
„ Thomas Grenwich.

VISITACIO PREFATI MONASTERII DE BEGHAM.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXVIII, xvii die mensis Julii, Nos f. 77 b.
Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore dicti nostri monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Begham, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Cicestrensis diocesis; ubi comperimus, propter paucitatem fratrum, divinum servicium prout tenentur non peregisse; quare domino abbati in mandatis dedimus ut numerum augeat canonicorum revocantes eos eciam qui [in] seculo sunt celebrantes. Inhibemus insuper eidem, sub pena contemptus, ne de cetero aliquem licenciet in seculo celebrare, demptis suis ecclesiis monasterio suo appropriatis. Et cum omnia temporalia foris fideliter et laudabiliter ministrat pariter et gubernat ut Martha, studeat eciam intus cum Maria die ac nocte, ut divinum servicium debite celebretur. Precipimus || omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus f. 78.
ut sibi sint et suo suppriori obedientes, reverenciamque debitam eisdem exhibentes, nusquam sine eorundem licencia extra septa monasterii vel extra claustrum exeuntes, sub pena apostasie, quatinus novitate melioris vite assumpta, renovacionis infamia

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recuperetur undique dispersa. Et Johannem Eklysfeld, eo quod unum percusserit de fratribus, penitentia tamen digna prius peracta, ab [omni pena] hujusmodi absolvimus, et absolutum et in omnibus restitutum in his scriptis declaramus. Inhibemus iusuper omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus talibus deformitate et curiositate sotularium et caligarum, ad modum laicorum, deinceps uti, sed prout decet religiosos ea prorsus evitare, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris etc. Et ex nimio debitorum sarcino, quo sua creacione dictus abbas per suos predecessores debebat, sua circumspecta provisione et sagaci ingenio plusquam xx. ti. solvit, attamen adhuc, c. ti. debet; omnibus granis per annum et animalibus satis laudabiliter provisis. Datum etc.

12 October, 1491.

255. Visitation of Begham.

Bishop Redman deals with a canon accused of incontinence, who is sent to another monastery for punishment and threatened with perpetual imprisonment; all are ordered to attend at Matins; no one may eat in any house within a league of the monastery; the abbot is not to be too easy in letting canons go abroad.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BEGHAM.

A. fol. 100 b.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXI., xii. die mensis Octobris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Begham, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Cicestrensis diocesis; ubi fratre Thoma Studley de incontinencia graviter diffamato, et coram nobis de eadem impetito, crimen hujusmodi constanter negavit; sed quia facile et legitime non potuit se purgare, ideo penam eidem propter hoc dignam, videlicet xl. dies gravioris culpe et emissionem per triennium ad monasterium de Neuhous, ex sua indie reformacione et morum suorum perversitate, usque ad proximum provinciale Capitulum, continuavimus; precipientes eidem sub pena pro perpetuo incarcerandi, ne deinceps locum, quo predictum nephas committi dicitur, frequentet quousque illa suspecta mulier ibidem commoratur, nec cum illa quovismodo de cetero

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loquatur. Precipimus districtissime suppriori dicte ecclesie in virtute salutaris obediencie ut excessus fratrum corrigat, et qui per se corrigi neclexerint domino abbati ostendere procuret. Et omnes ad matutinas noctuanter consurgant, aliter eadem die sequenti, sine aliqua remissione, in pane et aqua jejunent. Et eciam precipimus ut cotidie matutinas beate Marie, cum ceteris horis post matutinas diei, et horas ejusdem de cetero cantentur, sub pena contemptus. Omnimodas venaciones, et alicubi discursus, tam in nocte quam in die, inhibemus sub pena excommunicacionis majoris; nec commedant aut bibant in domibus secularium infra unam leugam a monasterio distantibus, sub pena xx. dierum gravioris culpe. Et abbas de facile subditos circumvagari non permittat, sive licenciet. Et precipiendo districte mandamus quatenus singuli de fratribus, tam intus quam extra, capas sibi provideant, ut uniformiter Deo servire et apparere valeant, sub pena contemptus. Et quamvis abbas sua laudabili providencia dicto monasterio annuatim ad summam l. markarum valorem adquisivit, eciam universa debita sagaciter redemit. In granis ad sufficientiam, in animalibus utriusque sexus habundanter instauratum. Datum &c.

256. Names of the Community. **1491.**

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE BEGHAM.

A. fol. 114 b.

Dominus Robertus Nasch, abbas.
Dominus Thomas Cothyngham, quondam abbas.

Sacerdotes:
Frater Ricardus Bexley, suprior.
„ Thomas Studley.
„ Ricardus Grege, sacrista.
„ Thomas Willus, vicarius de Pepynbery.[1]
Frater Thomas Grenwich, subsacrista.
„ Thomas Prestone, licenciatus.
„ Willelmus Ledes, licenciatus.
„ Johannes Eglisfelde, cantor.

„ Thomas Depforde, novicius et professus.

[1] Probably Pembury in Kent, four miles from Tunbridge Wells.

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25 June, 1494. **257. Visitation of Begham.**

Bishop Redman finds one of the canons guilty of incontinence and sends him for seven years to Croxton; another charged in a previous visitation is excommunicated as an apostate; a third did not appear and is cited to do so at Croxton. The abbot is charged to increase the number of his community.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BEGHAM.

A. fol. 123*. Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXIIII., XXV. die mensis Junii, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto prout supra, visitavimus monasterium de Begham, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Cicestrensis diocesis; ubi comperimus quod Thomas Prestone nocte sepius cecessit ad loca suspecta et ad mulierem suspectam, vocatam Agnetem Skynner,
f. 123* b. super quo crimine asseruit se esse inde correctum, set || inquisicione fratrum plenius habita, invenimus nullam inde sibi injunctam penitenciam, cujus purgacione super fratribus indicta manifeste ostenderunt super hujusmodi minime fore correctum. Quocirca injunximus eidem penam gravioris culpe xl. dierum in monasterio de Croxtone impleturum illucque emissurum, et ulterius ibidem per septennium permansurum, nisi aliter interdum secum fuerit misericorditer dispensatum, quem pro sua apostasia, sedentes pro tribunali, suspensum decernimus pariter et excommunicatum. Quendam autem fratrem Willelmum Ledes coram nobis, ut prelatus suus asseruit, citatum et non comparentem, presens per decretum citamus, ulteriusque domino abbati districte in virtute salutaris obediencie precipiendo mandamus quatenus prefatum Thomam coram nobis in monasterio de Croxtone debite citet se[u] citari faciat, in crastino ad Vincula Sancti Petri proxime futuro, ibidem subiturum id quod justicia exigit et requirit. De cetero domino abbati precipimus quatenus numerus fratrum augeatur canonicorum omni cum festinacione qua possibile est, quo cultum divini officii celebrius agatur. Et eidem abbati de pane grosso in mandatis dedimus de cetero meliorare. Plura ibidem non comperimus, sed licet dictus abbas in brasio non habeat, nisi ex

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provisione, tamen frumento ceterisque granis sufficienter instauratus usque nova, nullis super hec debitis restat implicatus. Animalibus ac omnibus aliis utilibus satis laudabiliter stuffatur. Datum etc.

258. Names of the Community. **1494.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BEGHAM.

A. fol. 117.

Dominus Ricardus Bexley, abbas.
Frater Ricardus Grege, supprior.
,, Thomas Willus, vicarius de Pepyngbery.
,, Thomas Grenwich, sacrista.
Frater Thomas Prestone.
,, Willelmus Ledes.
,, Johannes Eglisfelde.
,, Thomas Studley, apostata.
,, Thomas Stower, novicius.

259. Visitation of Begham and Names of the Community. **17 October, 1497.**

Bishop Redman finds the house in an excellent state. The new abbot has paid off some of the debt.

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE BEGHAM.

A. fol. 139.

Dominus Ricardus Bexley, abbas.
Frater Cotyngham, quondam abbas.
,, Ricardus Grege, supprior.
,, Thomas Studley, apostata.
Frater Thomas Willus.
,, Willelmus Ledes.
,, Johannes Eglisfelde.
,, Thomas Stowre } novicii.
,, Rogerus Mallyng } novicii.
,, Johannes Brynchley } novicii.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXVII., xvii. die mensis Octobris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro

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Roberto Bedalle etc., visitavimus monasterium de Begham, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Cicestriensis diocesis, circa et penes quod omnia, intus et extra, ordinate disponuntur dicti abbatis laudabili providencia, et nostra benediccione eis data presentem breviter dissolvimus visitacionem. Et quamvis dictus abbas, in sua creacione, maximis involvebatur debitis, tamen ad presens plura et majora sibi debentur debita quam debet, diversis oneribus multimodis sibi illatis, et quamplurimis edificiis in monasterio et tenementis non obstantibus. Data etc.

29 September, 1500. **260. Visitation of Begham.**

Bishop Redman finds the house in good order : the number of canons should be increased.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BEGHAM.

A. fol. 149 b.

Dominus Ricardus Bexley, abbas.
Frater Thomas Cotyngham, quondam abbas.
,, Ricardus Grege, supprior.
,, Thomas Studley, apostata.
,, Thomas Wyllus, vicarius de Pepynbery.
Frater Thomas Prestone, apostata.
,, Willelmus Myskyne, licenciatus.
,, Johannes Eglysfelde.
,, Thomas Stowre.
,, Johannes Garnthorpe.
,, Rogerus Burtone, novicius.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini millesimo v^c^., die vero mensis Septembris penultimo, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Begham, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Cicestrensis diocesis; ubi necesse non sentimus prolongare stilum ubi modicam comperimus materiam, sed pro laudabili abbatis ejusdem providencia laudes Deo tenemur referre, pro posse debitas et dicta ecclesia que erat in creacione dicti

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abbatis delapidata eciam onere debitorum permaxime circumligata, nunc liberam ab hujusmodi [onere] comperimus. In animalibus et granis insuper per annum satis laudabiliter stuffata et provisa. Non minus vero in cultu divino cum universis religionis cerimoniis et virtutibus circumfulti, tamen numerus canonicorum augeatur quamcicius dictus abbas potuerit etc: Datum.

VI. BILEIGH *or* MALDON.

BILEIGH, also called Maldon, in the county of Essex, was founded in A.D. 1180 from the Abbey of Newhouse; but in the 15th century the Abbot of Durford became the father abbot.

The following are some of the abbots:—

1172.	Robert (abbot of Parndon) (Colch. Chart. p. 209).
1182–1189.	Henry (Woll., Ch. I., 43).
1209–1237 (oc.).	Henry (Feet of Fines, Essex, 10 John; *Hist. MSS. Com.* 9th Report, App. 494).
1249 (oc.).	John (Feet of Fines, Essex, 33 Hen. III.).
1253 (oc.).	Walter (Feet of Fines, Essex, 37 Hen. III.).
1254–1262.	Roger (Feet of Fines, Essex, 38 and 46 Hen. III.).
1265 (oc.).	Andrew (*Hist. MSS. Comm.* 9th Report, App. 37).
1331 (oc.).	William (Cott. Ch. xxi. 8).
1384–1404.	Thomas Cok (*Monast.* v. p. 901; *Cal. Rot. Pat.*, 6 Hen. IV. p. 472).
1416–1423 (oc.).	John Colchester (De Banco., Mich. 4 Hen. V., 292d; do. Easter, 1 Hen. VI., 265).
1437 (oc.).	Stephen (Lond. Ep. Reg. Gilbert, p. 80).
1439 (oc.).	Thomas (Lond. Ep. Reg. Gilbert, p. 87).
1451 (oc.).	John Boston (*Hist. MSS. Com.* 9th Report, p. 54 a).
1475–1478 (oc.).	William Kirkly (No. 262).
1491–1500.	Thomas Scarlet (Nos. 268, 270).
1513.	John (*Monast.* vi. 901).
1515.	John Copshefe or Copsherse (last abbot) (Lond. Ep. Reg. FitzJames, f. 60).

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1472 (?) **261. General Answers to a Visitation Inquiry.**

The scribe had not got the names of the community.

BYLEGH.

A. fol. 2. Comes de Essex est fundator. Abbas de Durford est pater abbas.

Tres habet ecclesias cum curatis secularibus. Fundatum erat in honore beate Marie et sancti Nicholai, anno Domini M° [CLXXX.].

Dompnus Willelmus Kyrkby abbas, et habet quasi decem canonicos; non nominantur quia non habui nomina eorum.

6 June, 1475. **262. Names of the Community.**

IN MONASTERIO DE BYLEGH.

A. fol. 4 b.

Dominus Willelmus Kyrkby, abbas.	Thomas Frebregg.	
Frater Thomas Scarlett, suprior.	Johannes Yong.	
Nicholaus Byrch.	Henricus Purfott.	
Frater Thomas Lambe.	Walterus Lowthe	canonici de Barlynges.
	Johannes Martyn	canonici de Barlynges.

1478. **263. General Answers to Questions proposed at Visitation.**

P. fol. 123. (Reg. Prem. f. 117 b.)

Cenobium de Bylegh sive Meldone, sive Maldon.
in [Comitatu Essex, et].
Diocesi London.
Anno Domini M.C. [lxxx.] fundatum est,
[a Roberto Mantell],
in honore B. Marie et S. Nicholai.
Abbas de Newhous fuit pater abbas, modo abbas de Dureforde.

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Tres habet ecclesias,
Cum curatis secularibus.
Comes de Essex est fundator [sive patronus].

264. Visitation of Bileigh. **25 August, 1482.**

Bishop Redman found that one canon had struck another; he had acknowledged his fault, and at intercession of the community the punishment was mitigated: the same in the case of one who had disobeyed the circator. The abbot was newly elected, and took his oath of obedience to the Abbot of Prémontré.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BYLEGH.

Anno Domini etc. ut supra, xxv. die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium nostri Ordinis de Bylegh, Londonensis diocesis. In qua quidem visitacione frater Thomas Lambe coram nobis detectus est quod percussisset quendam de fratribus suis, de quo se minime excusare potuit, qui culpam suam flendo cognoscens misericordiam postulavit, et ad intercessionem proprii sui prelati et fratrum suorum pro eo supplicancium suas continuavimus correcciones, discrecioni dicti abbatis ex sua emendacione relinquentes, injungentes nihilominus ei unum psalterium Davidis, dicendum infra xl. dierum proxime sequencium. Et quendam fratrem Nicholaum Brige de manifesta rebellione contra suum precedentem circatorem detectum comperimus, ex propria confessione convictum, et quod silencium fregisset infra claustrum, cujus eciam condignas penas ad intercessionem dicti prelati, sub spe emendacionis et melioris vite, differri decrevimus, unum diem in pane et aqua pro silencio ei injungendo. Et Henricum Purfott ab officio circatoris absolvimus, injungentes dicto abbati quatinus eidem committat officium supprioris, quod coram nobis ibidem presentibus dicto fratri officium injunxit. Nosque districte in mandatis omnibus dedimus, quod ei humiliter obediant ut acerbissimam Ordinis evitare voluerint disciplinam. Nulla alia comperimus

A. fol. 35 b.

f. 36.

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reformanda seu Capitulo generali referenda, sed omnia tam in spiritualibus quam temporalibus, summa dicti abbatis providencia de novo creati, discrete et honorifice sunt tractata. Qui quidem abbas vice et nomine Premonstratensis abbatis nobis manualem prestitit obedienciam. Ulteriusque toti conventui in mandatis dedimus ut minorarent tonsuram secundum nostre sacre religionis formam: et exeuntes dormitorium post completorium sine licencia tribus subdantur diebus in pane et aqua jejunandi: et qui extra claustrum sine licencia perprius petita et obtenta exierit, unius diei in pane et aqua subjacebit pene. Insuper eciam precipimus ut omnibus horis suis utantur capis, qui labori non insistunt, sub pena incumbenti. In precedenti vero visitacione debuit dictum monasterium xx. markas, sed in creacione dicti abbatis c. li. et xvi. s., sic enim debita multiplicantur maximas propter expensas circa infirmitatem et propter remedia ultimi abbatis multipliciter facta. In granis et aliis necessariis sufficienter dispositum. Datum etc.

1482. **265. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE BYLEGH.

A. fol. 46.

Frater Henricus Purfott, circator.
,, Nicholaus Bryge.
,, Thomas Lambe, cantor.
,, Thomas Frebrige, sacrista.
,, Robertus Mott, subcellerarius.

Frater Wyllelmus Turnare, succentor.
,, Johannes Ferebrige.
,, Ricardus Fraunsesse, } novicii.
,, Ricardus Ynglande, } novicii.
,, Johannes Copscheffe, } novicii.

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266. Names of the Community and Visitation. **8 July, 1488.**

Bishop Redman finds the house in an excellent state; but corrects small faults against silence and enclosure: legislates about the size of the tonsure and the wearing of cloaks, especially in choir.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BILEGH.

A. fol. 75.

Dominus [*blank*]	Sacerdotes.	Frater Henricus Purfott.	Rectores.
Frater Thomas Frebrige, supprior.		„ Johannes Marten.	
„ Walterus Lowth.			
„ Nicholas Byrche.		„ Ricardus Frauncesse.	Novicii.
„ Thomas Lambe.		„ Ricardus Yngland.	
„ Robertus Mote.		„ Johannes Copshephe.	
„ Wyllelmus Turnere.		„ [Thomas] Marton.	
„ Johannes Frebrige.			

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BYLEGH.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXVIII., viii. die mensis Julii, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore dicti nostri monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Bilegh, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis, Londonensis diocesis; et ibidem inter caput et membra caritas connexa est plena atque perfecta. Et nostra prius inquisicione habita in ea nulla coram nobis sunt detecta, sed omnia ad Dei laudem religionisque honorem, prudenti abbatis ejusdem monasterii conductu, comperimus gubernata. Quedam tamen ultima visitacione nostra observari preciperamus que presenti oculariter minus perimplesse conspeximus. Quare precepto districciori sub pena contemptus precipimus quatinus, secundum nostri Ordinis statuta, et secundum formam || religiosorum, minorarentur f. 75 b.
fratrum tonsure, quia revera religiosos non decet tali crinorum effluere habundancia. Precipimus insuper ut infra precinctum

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monasterii capis utentur claustrales nisi quando labore sint occupati. Presertim in choro, sine capis apparere inhibemus; Precipimus eciam sub pena statuti delinquentibus qualibet vice, sine remissione injungenda, quatinus silencium iiii^or locis debitis in melius custodiretur, et nulli exire de claustro licebit sine licencia sub eadem pena. Hec enim observanda precipimus. Sed alia ad presens reformari non comperimus. Et quamvis in ultima visitacione dicta debuit ecclesia cxvi. ti., extunc usque ad nunc prefatus venerabilis abbas minoravit debitum sua circumspeccione prudentissima lxxvi. ti. Animalibus, granis, et aliis necessitatibus sufficienter instaurata. Datum sub sigillo nostro visitatorio anno, die, mense, et loco supradictis.

3 October, 1491.

267. Visitation of Bileigh.

Bishop Redman finds everything in a good state.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BYLEGHE.

A. fol. 110.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI., iii. die mensis Octobris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Bileyghe, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Londonensis diocesis, et ibidem inquisicione facta nulla sentimus criminosa, aut nostra correccione digna, et illud monasterium, laudabili abbatis ejusdem providencia intus et extra utiliter comperimus directum. Et quamvis in ultima visitacione dicta debuit ecclesia lxxvi. ti., verumptamen ad presens nullis debitorum obligatur sarcinis. In granis et cunctis animalibus atque peccoribus peroptime stuffata. Datum etc.

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268. Names of the Community of Bileigh. 1491.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BYLEY.

A. fol. 114.

Dominus Thomas Scarlett, abbas.
Frater Thomas Frebrige, supprior.
„ Thomas Lambe.
„ Robertus Motte, cellerarius.
„ Willelmus Turnour.
(Sacerdotes.)

Frater Johannes Frebryge.
„ Ricardus Fraunces.
„ Ricardus Yngland, succentor.
„ Johannes Capscheff.
(Sacerdotes.)
„ Thomas Martyne, novicius.
„ Henricus Purfot, rector.

269. Names of Community and Visitation. 9 October, 1497.

Bishop Redman finds the house in an excellent state of discipline.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE BYLEY. A. fol. 138.

Dominus Thomas Skarlett, abbas.
Frater Thomas Frebrige, supprior.
„ Thomas Lame.
„ Robertus Mote, cellerarius.
„ Johannes Ferebrige, cantor.

Frater Ricardus Fraunces.
„ Ricardus Yngland.
„ Johannes Copshaffe.
„ Henricus Purfot.
„ Willelmus Turner.
(Rectores.)
„ Johannes Gooday.
„ Willelmus Alysum.
„ Henricus Cellis.
(Novicii.)

VISITACIO EJUSDEM MONASTERII.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXVII., ix. die mensis Octobris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto etc., visitavimus monasterium de Byley, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Londonensis diocesis; ubi aliquid quod vituperari potuit non invenimus aut dictum monasterium in ullo egens seu onere debitorum aggravatum. In granis

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atque animalibus ulterius satis sufficienter dictam comperimus ecclesiam esse provisam. Datum ut supra.

9 October, 1500.

270. Names of the Community and Visitation.

Bishop Redmân finds the state of the house excellent: he admires the new buildings and repairs, all done without incurring debt.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BYLEY.

A. fol. 150 b.

Dominus Thomas Skarlett, abbas.
Frater Richardus Ynglande, supprior.
,, Thomas Lambe, circator.
,, Robertus Mott, cellerarius.
,, Ricardus Fraunces, cantor.
Frater Johannes Copcheffe, sacrista.
,, Henricus Porfott, rector Sancti Laurencii.
,, Thomas Frebryghe, rector Gyllyngham Omnium Sanctorum.
,, Johannes Gooday. } Novicii.
,, Willelmus Alysone. } Novicii.
,, Henricus Sellys. } Novicii.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM MONASTERII DE BYLEYGHE.

Anno Domini MV^c^., ix. vero die mensis Octobris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobis predilecto, ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Byley, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Londoniensis diocesis; ubi perpulcras ecclesie edificaciones fenestrarumque ejusdem amenas reparaciones, omni laude merito habendas, conspicimus. Et quamvis sibi fuerunt sumptuose, tamen per illas nullum incurrit debitorum onus. In granis et animalibus peroptime hoc anno stuffatum. Datum etc.

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VII. BLANCHLAND.

BLANCHLAND, in the county of Northumberland, was founded in 1190 from Croxton Abbey. The names of very few of the abbots are known.

?	Berasdus (Addy's *Beauchief*, p. 35).
?	Adam (ibid. p. 51).
?	William (ibid. p. 56).
1274 (oc.).	Inieramus (Cott. Ch. v. 30).
1464–1465 (oc.).	John (*Surtees Soc.* vol. xii. p. 193).
1487 *ante*.	John Hesildene (*quondam* in 1500) (Nos. 283, 290).
1487 (oc.).	John Hugh (Nos. 283, 289).

271. H., Abbot of Croxton, to Adam, Abbot of Prémontré. **Ante 1343.**

Blanchland is the daughter house of Croxton, and it is in much need of reform; it has fallen in temporals and spirituals through the bad administration of the abbot. Special powers of visitation are asked, and permission to receive the resignation of the abbot.

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino suo reverendo Ade D.G. Abbati suus filius humilis et devotus frater H., ejusdem patientia abbas de C[roxton], obedientiam, reverentiam et honorem. P. fol. 123. (Reg. Prem. f. 39 b.)

Ad vestrum refugium, quoties necessitas ingruerit, pro tuto remedio habendo, recurrere nos oportebit. Cum igitur, pater reverende, filialis ecclesia nostra de B[lancalanda], que in sacra religione et rerum possessionibus competenter solebat florere, tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus, de malo in pejus (proh dolor!), ex defectu prelati nunc occupantis, in dies vacillaverit; et filii ejusdem ecclesie pro remedio celerius adhibendo precibus nos pulsaverint sepius gemebundis, nec ad hoc sine vestra licentia speciali, secundum Ordinis instituta, manus apponere debeamus quoquomodo.

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Unde precibus humilibus vestre paternitati supplicamus, quatenus, tam pro illa ecclesia quam pro aliis nostre filiationis, commissionem vestram specialem in cessionibus abbatum recipiendis, et dispensationibus super excommunicatione et irregularitate in eisdem faciendis, pro earundem ecclesiarum melioratione, nobis, si placet, concedere, et per istum nuntium transmittere velitis: scituri pro certo quod ista nunc a vestra humiliter [im]pertimus paternitate, pro nostra conscientia subditorumque salvatione et earundem ecclesiarum commoditate.

Filii vestri dicte ecclesie de B[lancalanda] suas anxietates vestre reverentie deplorando transmittunt, a qua remedium salubre confidenter sibi sperant adhiberi cum gratia et favore.

In prospera dierum longitudine paternitatem vestram reverendam nobis et toti ordini conservet Filius Virginis.

22 April, 1460.

272. Richard Redman, Abbot of Shap and Commissary of the Abbot of Prémontré to the Abbot of Welbeck.

He is to receive a canon of Blanchland found guilty of apostasy, rebellion, &c., and who is to be removed for ten years from his own house and to undergo forty days' punishment.

P. fol. 24. (Reg. Prem. f. 97 b.)

Ricardus, permissione divina, abbas monasterii B. Marie Magdalene de Hepp, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Karliolensis diocesis, reverendissimi in Christo patris et D. D. Symonis, abbatis Premonstratensis, in partibus Anglie, Wallie, Scotie, et Hibernie commissarius generalis, plenissima potestate legitima deputatus, venerabili confratri nostro abbati de Welbek, salutem et mandatis nostris obedire: vobis significantes, quod specialiter requisitus, assumpto nobiscum fratre Willielmo Durham, canonico et suppriore S. Agathe, die xxii. mensis Aprilis, anno Domini M.CCCC.LX. [visitavimus monasterium de Blancalanda] nostri Ordinis, Dunelmensis diocesis, auctoritate dicti domini Premonstratensis; in qua comperimus latorem presentium, fratrem Thomam Haysand, ipsius

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ecclesie canonicum, super apostasia, incorrigibilitate, rebellione, infamatione detectum extitisse, in nostri scandalum Ordinis et grave vituperium.

Quem, eo quod de excessibus prenominatis se purgare non potuit, nec in domo propria (pretextu scandali Ordinis et ipsius ecclesie gravis periculi) debite valeat castigari, ad vos, pena gravioris culpe xl. dierum, transmittimus puniendum; vobiscum per decennium ulterius moraturum, nisi interdum fuerit misericorditer despensatum.

[Et] vobis, auctoritate qua fungimur in hac parte, mandamus, quatenus dictum fratrem Thomam (cum ad vos venerit, cum presentibus) benigne admittentes, tractetis e || undem, peracta totaliter ejus penitentia, secundum quod in statutis Ordinis de talibus liquide continetur [potestatem concedimus] hujus vero confessionis audiendi, et, tam in criminalibus quam in venialibus, eundem absolvendi; numerum vestium suarum, cum permissione veniendi ad vos, in literis abbatis sui proprii videbitis plenius contineri. Scituri quod si ipsum non receperitis, vel, secundum formam in hiis literis emissoriis contentam, non retinueritis, procedemus contra vos, prout statutum est Distinctione quinta Capituli de Fratribus emittendis. f. 124 b.

Datum sub sigillo nostro, anno, mense, die et loco supradictis.

273. John, Abbot of Blanchland, to the Abbot of Welbeck. **22 April, 1480.**

A letter sent with the canon referred to in the previous letter; a list of the clothes taken by the canon with him from Blanchland is given.

Venerabili in Christo fratri, domino Dei patientia abbati de Welbek, suus, si placet, frater Johannes, eadem patientia, abbas de Blancalanda, salutem, cum viscerali promptitudine complacendi. P. fol. 125. (Reg. Prem. f. 97 b.)

Cum venerabilis pater Ricardus etc. ecclesiam nostram de Blancalanda visitasset, fratrem Thomam Haysand, latorem presentium et nostrum concanonicum, ad ecclesiam vestram, culpis suis

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exigentibus, decreverat fore emittendum, in pena gravioris culpe xl. dierum, ibidem puniendum, [et] ulterius vobiscum moraturum, prout in literis suis emissoriis plenius continetur:

Ipsum fratrem Thomam cum presentibus, in pena predicta puniendum, duximus fore transmittendum; cum una tunica, una capa, i. scapulari, ii. langettis, uno coopertorio, uno pare caligarum, cum aliis minutis necessariis:

Quocirca vos rogamus cordialiter, quatenus dictum Thomam benigne recipiatis, [eum] foventes in visceribus caritatis. Vobis etiam, seu vestro in hac parte deputando, suas confessiones audiendi, et ipsum, tam a criminalibus quam a venialibus, absolvendi, nostram plenariam committimus potestatem.

Diem vero veniendi ad vos sibi prefiximus diem Martis, viz. diem xxix. instantis mensis Aprilis, hora qua commodius potuerit.

Datum sub sigillo nostro, die xxii. mensis Aprilis, anno Domini M.CCCC.LX.

27 June, 1460. **274. Abbot Redman to the Abbot of Welbeck.**

At the supplication of friends he permits the canon referred to in the previous letters to return to his monastery of Blanchland, and directs the Abbot of Welbeck to let him return with the bearer of this letter.

P. fol. 126. (Reg. Prem. f. 98 a.)

Ricardus etc. venerabili in Christo confratri, abbati de Welbek, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem.

Cum frater Thomas Haysand, ecclesie B. Marie de Blanchlanda, nostri Ordinis, canonicus et professus, culpis suis exigentibus, vestram ad ecclesiam de Welbek nuper fuerat emissus; ipsum tamen, ad instantiam amicorum suorum, ac specialiter aliorum nostri Ordinis zelatorum, predicta auctoritate, revocavimus; vobis districte precipientes, quatenus dictum fratrem Thomam Haysand ad monasterium nostrum de Heppa, cum latore presentium, mittatis; recepto prius ab eo solemni juramento, quod vestrum mandatum nobis veniendi perimplebit; pariter etiam ejus conversationem

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in literis vestris patentibus nobis destinando. Vestra Fraternitas valeat in Christo Jhesu.

Scriptum apud monasterium nostrum de Heppa, xxvii. die mensis Junii, anno Domini M.CCCC.LX.

275. Abbot and Community of Welbeck to Abbot Redman. **3 July, 1460.**

Testimonial to the excellent behaviour of the canon spoken of in the previous letters. He has undergone his punishment, and the abbot and community hope he may be restored to his former position.

Reverendo in Christo patri ac D. D. Ricardo etc. sui humiles et devoti in eodem Salvatore nostro fratres et filii abbas et conventus de Welbek etc. reverentiam, obedientiam, et honorem tanto patri debitas et condignas. P. fol. 127. (Reg. Prem. f. 98 a.)

Vestre reverende paternitati significamus per presentes, quod anno Domini M.CCCC.LX. die Martis, viz. die xxix. mensis, hora quasi decima, venit ad nos frater Thomas Haysand, ecclesie de Blancalanda, nostri Ordinis, concanonicus, sacerdos, et professus, cum literis vestris emissoriis; quibus a nobis diligenter visis et intellectis, reperimus dictum Thomam diversis enormibus irretitum, et in domo nostra pro suis demeritis fore puniendum, ulteriusque nobiscum per decennium moraturum, nisi super statu suo, per vos vel Capitulum generale, aliter fuerit ordinatum.

Nos igitur, vestris in omnibus preceptis et mandatis salutaribus obtemperantes, recepimus et tractavimus eundem, juxta quod in vestra et proprii abbatis sui literis de ipso, ac etiam in statutis nostri Ordinis de talibus, liquide continetur.

Cujus vero totali peracta penitentia, laudabili ejus conversatione et penitentia multum excitati, multoque magis vestre revocationis literis intime confortati, vestram benignissimam pietatem obnixius in Domino duximus exorandum, quatenus, cum idem Thomas ad vos cum presentibus accesserit, ad omnis status sui reformationem, ipsum benignius admittere, et in domo sua propria, sive nostra,

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seu alio quocunque nostri Ordinis habitaculo suo, perpetuo mansurum, et ibidem, mediante proprii sui abbatis consensu et assensu, obedientiam manualem facturum, auctoritate vestra predicta, debite collocare dignemini cum favore, intuitu caritatis.

f. 127 b. || Preterea scire velit vestra paternitas reverenda, nos recepisse a prefato Thoma juramentum solemne, quod diem veniendi ad vos quem eidem certum assignavimus (viz. diem Mercurii, diem utique novenum instantis mensis Julii, hora qua sibi melius contigerit) suo pro posse fideliter observabit. Valeat vestra paternitas in Domino gratiosa, ad gregis vestre custodiam, et nostri Ordinis redintegrationem ac munimen per tempora longiora.

Scriptum in monasterio nostro de Welbek, iii. die mensis Julii, anno Domini quo supra. In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus est affixum.

26 November, 1475.

276. John, Abbot of Blanchland to Bishop Redman.

Two canons of Shap have been received formally into the community of Blanchland.

P. fol. 128 b. (Reg. Prem. f. 85 a.)

Reverendissimo in Christo patri, D. Ricardo, miseratione divina, Assavensi episcopo, et abbati de Schappa, omnimodas reverentias tanto patri debitas, cum honore; frater Johannes, ejusdem patientia, humilis minister de Blauncheland, salutem in Domino sempiternam.

Sciat reverendissima paternitas vestra nos fratres Henricum Yate et Johannem Durham, nuper ecclesie vestre de Schappa, et ab obedientia vestra solutos, vestro discreto concilio et assensu totius capituli vestri, ad nostram obedientiam et ecclesie nostre professionem admissos recipimus in eadem forma, cum consensu totius capituli nostri, eorum obedientia manuali in manus nostras prestita in scriptis secundum modum et formam nostre religionis facta: vos et vestrum monasterium de eisdem, quantum in nobis est, totaliter exonerantes; et tanquam nostros veros canonicos et professos perpetuo retinere promittimus.

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In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune presentibus est appensum; datis in domo nostra capitulari xxvi. die Novembris, anno Domini M. CCCC. LXXV.

277. Replies to the General Questions proposed at Bishop Redman's Visitation. **1478.**

Cenobium de Alba-Landa, sive Blanca-Landa, sive Blanchland, P. fol. 129. (Reg. Prem. f. 18 a.)
in [comitatu Northumbrie et]
Diocesi Dunelmensi,
tempore Regis Henrici II. (scilicet ante annum M.C. XC.)
[a Gualterio de Bolebra] fundatum est;
in honore B. Marie Virginis, ad festum (?)
Abbas de Croxton est pater abbas.

278. Visitation of Blanchland. **16 Sept., 1478.**

Bishop Redman visited the abbot in person, and the community by their proctor at the Carmelites at Newcastle, because he was unable to go in person to the monastery. Nothing criminal was found, but house in poverty and ruin. He enjoined abbot to do his very best to repair and build his house and increase his community, so as to carry out divine office and regular observance properly. The house owes 10 *marks; there is a want of all provisions and the place is miserably poor.*

VISITACIO DE BLANCHLAND.

|| Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXVIII°, xvi° die mensis Septembris, A. fol. 16.
Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus abbatem de Blanchland, in propria persona, et suum conventum per procuratorem, in domo fratrum Carmelitarum Novicastrensi, eo quod majori sollicitudine compulsus, ad suum monasterium personaliter accessisse nequivimus. Nulla in dicta visitacione comperimus criminosa, sed de ruina paupertateque dicti monasterii plurimum condolentes, precipimus

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domino abbati ut suo pro toto posse et quantum facultas permiserit, reparet et edificet monasterium suum et multiplicet numerum confratrum suorum; ut servicium divinum die noctuque sustentetur, et regulares observancie debite conserventur, ut conscienciam suam coram summo judice intendit exonerare, et Ordinis condignas penas evitare. In presenti visitacione debent dictus abbas et conventus x. marcas. In aliis necessariis parcitate gravati quasi pauperrimi sua deplorant tempora. Datum etc.

13 April, 1482.

279. Visitation of Blanchland.

Bishop Redman visits the abbot in the convent of the Carmelites at Newcastle. He finds all things well both in spirituals and temporals.

[VISITATIO DE BLANCHLAND.]

A. fol. 25 b.

Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXXII., mensis Aprilis die xiii., Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum venerabili confratre nostro, Abbate de Alnwyke, visitavimus fratrem nostrum, abbatem de Blanchland in domo capitulari fratrum Carmelitarum, villa Novicastri super Tinam; ubi comperimus prelatum cum religioso conventu et monasterium in spiritualibus et temporalibus laudabiliter dispositum, dicti monasterii abbatis providencia; ita quod nostra correccione nulla digna sentimus, ac status monasterii gracia divina et abbatis provisione, laudabili constat in habundancia granorum, et nullo debitorum pondere obligatum. Et in ultima visitacione debuit dictum monasterium x. markas, modo vero xii^{s}. viii^{d}. Datum etc.

1482.

280. Names of the Community.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE BLANSCHLAND.

A. fol. 43 b.

Frater Robertus Linton.	Frater Henricus Dichande.
„ Johannes Uscher.	„ Wyllelmus Bakster.
„ Ricardus Browndon.	„ Wyllemus Person.
„ Johannes Foreste.	„ Thomas Preston.

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281. Visitation of Blanchland. **1485 (?)**

[*First few lines have been destroyed.*]

Bishop Redman finds one canon accused of incontinence, and cites him to appear for judgment at Shap. To increase number of canons in the monastery, the abbot is directed to recall those serving outside cures. The repair of the house much needed.

[VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BLANSCHLAND.]

[Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXV. . . . die mensis . . . Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto etc., visitavimus abbatem etc. Blanchland in propria persona et conventum suum] per procuratorem in villa Novi Castri super Tinam in camera nostra nobis assignata, eo quod maxi[ma] pestilencia ibidem grassatur, ubi comperimus fratrem Johannem Foreste de incontinencia multipliciter diffamatum, et quod habet testes super terram. Quare precipimus domino abbati ut dictum Johannem Foreste citet [seu] citari faciat coram nobis comparere in monasterio nostro de Schappa infra septem dies, sub pena contemptus, ibidem recepturum quod justicia exigit. Insuper dicto domino abbati mandavimus quatinus omnes canonicos foris in seculo celebrantes ad claustrum revocet, ut multiplicato numero servorum Dei, inde servicium divinum nocte et die debite sustentetur; et si aliquis eorum patri suo inobediens fuerit, eos secundum formam religionis districte corrigat, quod si adhuc contempnere ausi fuerint, ad me eos mittere procuret. Injunximus eciam dicto abbati, presens per decretum, ut sint in conventu ad minus sex canonici sub pena incumbenti. Et ut regulares observancie debite conserventur, ut conscienciam suam summo judici intendit exonerare et Ordinis condignas penas evitare; et ut reparaciones domorum toto pro posse perficiat; et ne licenciet aliquos in seculo celebrare nisi in ecclesiis dicto monasterio appropriatis. Precipimus insuper dicto domino abbati ne ulla permutacio reddituum seu concessio possessionum ad aliquem terminum, per sigillum commune, permittat seu aliquatinus fiat, sub pena in statutis A. fol. 62.

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contenta, videlicet: *Cum vendiciones.* In hac enim presenti visitacione debet dicta ecclesia x.li.; in peccoribus laudabiliter, et in granis, prudenti provisione abbatis, usque ad festum Omnium Sanctorum sufficienter possidet. Datum etc.

27 August, 1488.

282. Visitation of Blanchland.

Bishop Redman holds the visitation at Newcastle-on-Tyne. Finds all well: urges the abbot to secure two more in the community within the year: forbids all kinds of hunting amusements; orders all to sleep in the common dormitory.

[VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BLANCHLAND.]

A. fol. 81 b. Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXXVIII., xxvii. die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto etc., visitavimus abbatem de Blanschland in propria sua persona, et conventum suum per procuratorem, in domo fratrum Carmelitarum Novi Castri super Tinam comparentem, eo quod majori sollicitudine compulsus ad suum monasterium personaliter ad presens accedere nequimus; ubi venerabilem comperimus patrem intus et extra satis providum et circumspectum, cui precipimus ut cum omni festinacione possibili capitulum reedificari faciat, et alios duos canonicos infra annum radi procuret. Precipimus et omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus ne de cetero extra dormitorium jacere presumant, sub pena manifesti contemptus. Insuper inhibemus, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, omnimodas venaciones et discursus per nemora et silvas sive alicubi, quia valde inconveniens est religiosis taliter se excercere, omnesque canes sive caniculos a monasterio amovere faciat abbas. Alia ad presens non habemus corrigenda, sed prefati abbatis provida circumspeccione omnia laudabiliter sunt gubernata. In ultima visitacione debuit dictum monasterium x.li., modo vero x. markas; in animalibus, ovibus et granis, satis laudabiliter stuffatum. Datum etc.

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283. Names of the Community. **1488**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BLANSCHLAND.

Dominus Johannes Hugh, abbas.	Frater Johannes Uschere.	A. fol. 81.
,, Johannes Hesilden, quondam abbas.	,, Henricus Zate.	
	,, Johannes Forest.	
Frater Ricardus Broundon.	,, Thomas Preston.	
,, Willelmus Baxstare.	,, Willelmus Sprage.	
,, Henricus Dychande.	,, Georgius Fostle.	

284. Visitation of Blanchland. **August 8, 1491.**

Bishop Redman visits the abbey at Newcastle: finds it in a fair state; again urges the abbot to increase the number of his community: on account of expenses on their churches the debt of the monastery has increased.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BLANSCHLAND.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI, die vero mensis Augusti viii., Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto nobis in Christo confratre nostro, Roberto Bedall, canonico nostri dicti monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus abbatem de Blanschland in propria sua persona, et conventum per procuratorem, in domo fratrum Carmelitarum Novi Castri super Tinam, eo quod regiis implicatus mandatis ad monasterium suum personaliter ut nitebamur accedere nequimus; ubi super utroque statu inquirentes, mediocri comperimus subsistere condicione. Attamen domino abbati in mandatis districte dedimus ut cum omni celeritate possibili augeat numerum canonicorum. At circa non modicas ecclesiarum suarum [expensas] pro tuicione earundem, debita dicte ecclesie minorari non potuerunt, quia in ultima visitacione debuit tantum x. markas, nunc autem xxv. markas. In granis seu aliis necessariis satis sufficienter stuffata. Datum &c. A. fol. 92.

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1491 (?) **285. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE BLANSCHLAND.

A. fol. 111 b.

Dominus Johannes Hugh, abbas.
Frater Ricardus Brondone, supprior.
„ Johannes Hesyldene, vicarius.
„ Willelmus Bakster, vicarius.
„ Johannes Uscher, vicarius.
„ Henricus Dychand.
Frater Johannes Forest.
„ Willelmus Spragane.
„ Georgius Fostlay.
„ Johannes Stampe.
„ Cristoferus Cowper.

15 May, 1494. **286. Visitation of Blanchland.**

After inquiry Bishop Redman finds nothing serious to correct: the silence should be better kept and leave obtained for going out of the enclosure. The abbot is exhorted to finish the building of the dormitory, and to undertake that of the chapter house.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BLANSCHLAND.

A. fol. 121 b. Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXIIII., die vero mensis Maii XV., Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum quo ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Blaunschlande, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Dunelmensis diocesis. Et inquisicione facta, nulla ibidem comperimus enormia nostra correccione digna, seu generali Capitulo referenda. Quedam tamen in minoribus observanciis, presentibus duximus merito reformanda, virtute salutaris obediencie, quatenus silencium, quod clavis est nostre religionis, in locis debitis de cetero ab omnibus observetur sub pena statuti delinquentibus infligenda. Et omnes extra claustrum, sine licencia exeuntes, eandem sustineant penam. Dominum abbatem exhortavimus in Deo, quatenus dormitorium ab eodem laudabiliter inceptum ad felicem perducat finem, ac capitulum, ad terram prorsus prostratum, omni celeritate quo possit, reedificare faciat. Status autem hujus monasterii hunc habet modum, videlicet quoad debita minime plus quam x. li. constat onustatum. In granis usque nova, aliis-

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que animalibus cujuscumque sexus, satis laudabiliter abbatis ejusdem laudabili providencia comperimus provisum. Datum, etc.

287. Names of the Community. **1494.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE BLANSCHLANDE.

Dominus Johannes Hesildene, quondam abbas.	Frater Henricus Ditschaunt.	A. fol. 115 b.
	,, Johannes Forest.	
Frater Willelmus Spragayne, supprior.	,, Georgius Soffley.	
	,, [Johannes] Stampe.	
,, Johannes Huscher.	,, Christoferus Symsone.	
,, Ricardus Brondone.	,, Ricardus Dode.	

288. Visitation of Blanchland. **24 April, 1497.**

Bishop Redman holds it in the parish church of St. Nicholas, Durham. He excommunicates one canon as an apostate: urges an increase in the community: the abbot to find a washerwoman, and a barber for the community.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE BLANSCHLAND.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXVII., xxiiii. die mensis Aprilis, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro, R. B. canonico etc., visitavimus abbatem monasterii de Blanschlande in propria sua persona, et conventum per procuratorem, ab eisdem legitime et literatorie sufficienter deputatum, in ecclesia parochiali sancti Nicholai, [in] villa de Durham, et per deposiciones predictorum comperimus fratrem Robertum Huchonsone apostatam, quem suis demeritis exigentibus excommunicavimus et excommunicatum discernimus. Precipimus domino abbati ut infra iiii^or menses augeat numerum canonicorum, et ut provideat conventui communem lotricem et barbitonsorem de suis expensis Necnon eciam conducat et recipiat tam servos quam tenentes, A. fol. 130.

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suum liberum ad arbitrium, consilio fratrum suorum ad hoc minime requisito, nec quoquomodo prehibito. Et si quid, ex devocione fidelium, abbas habere poterit sive datum sibi vel monasterio fuerit, ad voluntatem et arbitrium abbatis, precipimus esse convertendum ad utilitatem rei publice et non inter fratres distribuendum; contradictoribus silencium imponimus perpetuum. Mandamus insuper in virtute sancte obediencie quatenus fratres dicti monasterii omnibus dominicis diebus et festivis surgant media nocte ad Matutinas, ferialibus tantum in aurora; usque numerus augeatur fratrum, quo facto precipimus deinde ut noctuanter et pariter omnes consurgant, ut premissum est, circa noctis medium. Cenas eciam in sabbatis, sicuti nostri Ordinis laudabilis probat usus, omnino interdicimus, tempore feni et messis, vel maximo perurgente labore, tantummodo exemptis. In mandatis districtissime dedimus singulis dicti monasterii curatis quatenus manus porrigant adjutrices ad edificacionem vel reparacionem pariter et sustentacionem dicte ecclesie, et non solum curati verum eciam universi, intus et extra confratres, suo toto pro posse benevolenciam exhibeant et adjuvamen. Ex tempore ultime nostre visitacionis dicte minus nunc debet ecclesia quam tunc. In granis farine ad sufficienciam usque nova. In animalibus et ovibus satis laudabiliter ut prius implicatur. Data, acta, et sub pena contemptus decreta, anno, die, mense, et loco supradictis.

1497. **289. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA MONASTERII CANONICORUM DE BLANSCHLAND.

A. fol. 51 b.

Dominus Johannes Hugh, abbas.
Frater Johannes Hesildene, quondam [abbas].
„ Willelmus Spragane, supprior.
Frater Johannes Ewser, capellanus de Schotley.
„ Ricardus Brandon, vicarius de Heddon.
„ Henricus Dychand, vicarius de Bywell.

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Frater Johannes Forest, vicarius de Kyrkharle.
„ Georgius Softlawe
„ Johannes Stampe
„ Ricardus Dood
} Presbiteri
„ Cristoferus Cowper, licenciatus per abbatem.

Frater Thomas Preston, licenciatus per nos.
„ Robertus Huchonson, apostata quem excommunicamus et excommunicatum discernimus.

290. Names of the Community and Visitation of Blanchland. 1500.

Bishop Redman finds nothing serious. He again orders the abbot to find a barber, tailor, and washerwoman for the canons: there is to be no going out of the dormitory or drinking after Compline: silence is to be better observed.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE BLANSCHLANDE.

Dominus [*blank*]
Frater Johannes Haseldene, quondam [abbas].
„ Willelmus Sprangene, supprior.
„ Johannes Huscher.
„ Ricardus Brondone.
„ Henricus Dychand.
} Sacerdotes.

Frater Johannes Forest.
„ Georgius Softlaw.
„ Johannes Stampe.
„ Cristoferus Cowper.
„ Ricardus Dod.
} Sacerdotes.
„ Ricardus Morpeth.
„ Thomas Loucastelle.
} Novicii.

A. fol. 145.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM

Anno Domini MV^c Nos Ricardus &c., assumpto ut supra, visitavimus abbatem de Blanschlande, nostri dicti Ordinis, Dunelmensis diocesis, in propria persona coram nobis in villa de Durham apparentem, cum procuratore legitime a conventu destinato: et quamvis nulla ab eisdem ostensa fuerit ibidem querela, tamen quedam precepta ad presens duximus observanda, videlicet ut abbas procuret pro conventu lotricem et barbitonsorem ex communibus expensis; et insuper sissorem pro eisdem; quamcicius ruinosam ibidem ecclesiam potuerit reedificare. Omnia insuper ad

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pitanciam antiquitus monasterio sive conventui concessa, duximus presens per decretum ad utilitatem monasterii de cetero remanere et redigi. Nulli insuper conventus liceat, post completorium, a dormitorio extra exire, sive potaciones facere. Et silencium locis debitis observari, sub pena statuti sine remissione jejunandi. Dicta ecclesia vi. marcis constat indebitata; granis et animalibus
f. 145 b. sufficienter staurata. Districte ei mandamus || quatenus conventus circa noctis medium surgat ad matutinas quando commode potuerit, ecclesia, ut premittitur, sufficienter ad hoc reparata. Inhibemus eciam fratribus ne de tenementis sive conduccione servorum quoquomodo intromittant que solummodo ad abbatem pertinent. Debet dicta ecclesia vi. marcas; granis et animalibus sufficienter staurata. Data etc.

VIII. BRODHOLM.

A CONVENT of nuns of the Order of Prémontré was established in the county of Nottingham. The names of only four of the prioresses are known.

ante 1326. Matilda (*Cal. Rot. Claus.* 19 *Edw. II.*, p. 472).
1409. Joan de Riel (? Ryhil) (Cal. Pap. Doc. vi. 159).
1496. Elizabeth Brerworth (No. 291).
1536. Joanna (*Valor. Eccl.* v. 185).

1478 (?) **291. Fragment of a Visitation of Brodholm.**

All nuns before reception must know how to sing and read.

DE MONIALIBUS DE BRODHOLME.

P. fol. 135. (Reg. Prem. f. 7 a.) Anno Domini etc., Nos. etc., assumptis etc., visitavimus etc., corrigentes etc.

Precipientes firmiter et districte ne aliqua monialis in ecclesia nostri Ordinis de G. recipiatur, nisi tali forma quali recepte sunt apud Yreford et Brodholme—viz. quod sint habiles ad legendum et cantandum, [pro]ut in statutis Ordinis est contentum. Status etc.

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292. Names of the Nuns of Brodholm. 1494.

Et felicem hic finem fecimus omnium nominum abbatum et canonicorum, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, tocius Anglie inventorum, anno Domini millesimo CCCC nonagesimo quarto, et nostre consecracionis anno vicesimo secundo. Et semper sic laudetur Deus in servis suis. R. A. fol. 120.

NOMINA MONIALIUM DE BRODHOLME.

Dame Elisabeth Brerworth, priorissa.
,, Johanna Stertone, suppriorissa.
,, Johanna Uptone.
,, Agnes Aschby.
Dame Elisabeth Formane.
,, Johanna Neusome.
,, Johanna Roos.
,, Johanna Steyntone.
,, Margory Robynsone.

IX. COCKERSAND.

COCKERSAND ABBEY, in the county of Lancaster, was founded in A.D. 1190 from Croxton. The following are some of the abbots:[1]

1184. c.	Hugh the Hermit.
1189. c.	Henry.
1205–1216. c.	Roger (Harl. Ch. 52, J. 1).
1216–1235. c.	Hereward (Addy's *Beauchief*, p. 60).
1240 (oc.).	Richard.
1246–1261 (oc.)	Henry.
1269–1271 (oc.)	Adam.
1279–1286 (oc.)	Thomas.
1289–1290 (oc.)	Robert (Rot. Pat. 18 Ed. I.).
1300–1311 (oc.)	Roger.
1340 (oc.)	William de Brackley.
1353 (oc.)	Robert de Carleton.
1354–1364.	Jordan.

[1] *Cf.* Chetham Soc., *Chart of Cockersand Abbey*, Introd. xxi.

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1388 (oc.).	Thomas (*Cal. Chanc. Rolls Dep. Keeper Rept.* xxxii. Ap. 1, p. 365).
1393 (oc.).	Williàm Stamford.
1395–1410.	Thomas de Burgh (Cal. Pap. Doc. V. 133).
1410–1426.	Thomas de Grene.
1435 (oc.)	Thomas de Burgh (Dep. Keeper Rept. xl. Ap. 4, p. 534).
1444–1448.	Robert Egremond (*Monast.* vi. p. 906).
1477 (ob.)	William Lucas (No. 54).
1478–1490.	William Bowland (Nos. 296, 64).
1490–1500.	John Preston (Nos. 64, 50).
1502–1505.	James Skipton (*Monast.* vi. 906).
1505–1509.	Henry Stayning (ibid.).
1509–1520.	John Crowne (ibid.).
1520–1521.	George Billington (Add. MS. 20573).
1528 (oc.)	John Bowland.
1531.	Gilbert Aynsworth (*Monast. ut sup.*)
1531–1533.	Robert Kendall (ibid.).
1533–1539.	Robert Pulton (ibid; *Surtees Soc.*, lvii. p. 221).

2 Feb., 1402. **293. Letter of Abbot of Welbeck to Abbot of Cockersand.**

Writes as a visitor chosen by the general Chapter to order the abbot to provide proper clothes for one of the canons; also this canon is to be received in all peace, or he will be removed to another monastery.

P. fol. 136. (Reg. Prem. f. 65 b.)

Johannes, Dei patientia, abbas de Welbek, a generali Capitulo nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis ultimo in Anglia, auctoritate apostolica celebrato, alter Visitator, et in solidum rite electus et legitime deputatus; venerabili in Christo abbati de Cokersand, ejusdem Ordinis, salutem in Domino.

Cum nos nuper, premissa auctoritate, presidentiam occupantes predicti Capituli, ex decreto ejusdem Capituli et mandato, vobis per literas nostras in virtute sancte obedientie, ac sub pena contrarii aliisque penis, injunximus, quod fratri Johanni de Staley, canonico vestro, de vestura et aliis necessariis, secundum

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nostri Ordinis instituta de fratribus emittendis, curetis debite providere, atque plura facere, que in eisdem literis continentur; que omnia adimplere hucusque distulistis, immo verius neclexistis, in contemptum nostrum ac generalis Capituli manifestum; licet erga personam vestram et statum non velimus, ut de jure possemus, procedere captiose; vobis tamen, auctoritate nobis per idem Capitulum commissa, precipimus injungendo sub periculo incumbenti, quatenus predicto fratri Johanni de Staley, canonico vestro, de sibi necessariis, ut premittitur, faciatis congrue provideri citra festum S. Gregorii datum presentium proxime secuturum; necnon pacem ipsius Johannis quam citius poteritis in partibus vestris diligentius procuretis.

Quod si hujusmodi pacem non potueritis impetrare, nobis certificare curetis, per latorem presentium; ut ipsum fratrem || Johannem, de vestro assensu, in alio monasterio Ordinis collocari f. 136 b. poterimus, sub obedientia abbatis loci pro perpetuo moraturum.

Scituri, quod si premissa neclexeritis adimplere, nos, ex officio nostro, pro sepedicto concanonico nostro, ut viderimus expedire, curabimus ordinare; ac erga vos quatenus canonice poterimus, pro contemptu, peremptorie procedemus, justitia id poscente.

In sanctitate et justitia coram ipso Altissimus vos conservet. Scriptum apud Welbek, secundo die mensis Feb. anno Domini M.CCCC.II.

294. John, Abbot of Welbeck, to a Commission. **ante 19 April, 1493.**

To summon the abbot of Cockersand to show cause why he should not be deprived of his dignity for refusing to be present at the last Chapter of the Order, and for not paying the contributions ordered by the Chapter. The said abbot is ipso facto *excommunicated and deposed.*

Johannes, Dei patientia, abbas de Welbeke, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboraci diocesis, presens, unicus dicti Ordinis in Anglia durante Scismate auctoritate apostolica deputatus, dilectis filiis fratribus Willielmo de Corbrige et Petro de Boston, de Cokyrsande P. fol. 137. (Reg. Prem. f. 131 b.)

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et Croxton monasteriorum, ejusdem nostri Ordinis, canonicis, salutem et mandatis nostris, ymmo verius apostolicis, firmiter obedire.

Animarum cura et nostre religionis custodia nobis ad tempus, licet indignis, commisse, nos incitant sollicite providere, ut ea que in favorem religionis ad subtrahendum dissolutionis materiam sint provide instituta, maneant illibata; animarum quoque vulnera mortifera, ne ceteros inficiant aut introrsus conputrescant, salubriter extirpare, que a pretensis et non a veris medicis crudeliter sint neclecta;

quapropter (cum in nostro Ordine et etiam auctoritate apostolica sit statutum, quod abbates, a generali Capitulo absentes legitime se non excusantes, ab initio ipsius Capituli sint suspensi, et amittant stallum abbatis et usum baculi pastoralis, quousque presidenti Capituli generalis se presentent de hujusmodi defectu satisfacturi; et nihilominus penam sustineant quam dictus presidens cum Capitulo eisdem duxerit infligendam, ac post lapsum certi temporis deponantur per eadem instituta):

verum, quia Thomas de Burgh (qui se gerit pro abbati monasterii vestri de Cokyrsande) in nostro Capitulo generali ultimo in monasterio nostro de Welbeke, aut in Capitulo generali apud Stanfordiam penultimo celebrato personaliter non comparuit, nec legitime excusavit, immo verius (ut intelleximus) se contumaciter absentavit ab eodem, sic penas prescriptas notorie incurrendo;

f. 137. || et cum a dicto Capitulo penultimo, quedam mandata legitima sibi, sub gravibus penis (viz. inobedientie, excommunicationis et depositionis), fuerant directa, secundum formam Ordinis adimplenda, que quidem mandata implere contumaciter recusavit, immo verius contempsit, in ejusdem Capituli et Ordinis scandalum manifestum;

ac cum, in Capitulo generali ultimo, per nos et diffinitores ejusdem Capituli, singulis abbatibus et domibus sive monasteriis nostri Ordinis, pro sumptibus et expensis ipsius Capituli; ut abbates in dicto Capitulo minime comparentes, ultra sumptus et

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expensas predictas, nomine pene, solverent certas summas ad expensas communes, pro tuitione et conservatione privilegiorum et aliis negotiis dicti Ordinis, et ipsius Ordinis utilitatem concernentibus, faciendis, ac nobis Johanni, Abbati de Welbeke, earundem summarum collectori specialiter in dicto Capitulo deputato, easdem solverent et liberarent infra certum terminum a tempore monitionis inde sibi facte, tam per nos collectorem predictum quam per ipsius Ordinis instituta sub certis penis (viz. excommunicationis majoris et depositionis) in eisdem constitutionibus contentis contra non solventes assignatis et limitatis; ac quamplures ejusdem Ordinis abbates, tam in dicto Capitulo presentes quam absentes ab eodem, dictas summas realiter nobis Johanni abbati et collectori persolverunt; nosque Johannes predictus [abbas] et collector, auctoritate premissa, per literas nostras monuerimus fratrem Thomam, abbatem de Cokirsande, dictorum Ordinis nostri et diocesis, sub penis predictis. quod ipse de summis sibi, sicut et aliis (ut prefertur) impositis, infra certos dies, nobis vel nostris certis in ea parte deputatis, realiter satisfaceret seu ipsas persolveret indilate, juxta regularia nostri Ordinis instituta:

Dictus tamen Thomas abbas de Cokyrsande, licet per nos ad hoc legitime monitus, ut prefertur; spretis hujus monitionibus || nostris pariter et neclectis, summas sibi in ea parte impositas f. 138.
nobis solvere ac satisfacere de eisdem non curavit, absque causa rationabili seu licentia quacunque pretensa; set expresse recusavit et recusat in presenti; dicto obstinato penas predictis in statutis nostri Ordinis assignatas ea occasione dampnabiliter incurrendo:

Quocirca vobis conjunctim et alteri vestrum divisim, in virtute sancte obedientie qua nobis et dicte sedi tenemini, firmiter injungendo mandamus, quatenus citetis, seu citari faciatis, citet seu citari faciat alter vestrum peremptorie, prefatum Thomam abbatem de Cokersande personaliter (si apprehendi poterit), sin autem ejus procuratorem (si quem dimiserit) alioquin in monasterio suo predicto (si ingressum habere poteritis), sin vero ad portas ipsius

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monasterii et in aliis locis convicinis, coram notis et convicinis, ubi verisimile est hujusmodi citationem vestram, preposito publice citationis edicto, ad ipsius notitiam pervenire;

quod legitime compareat coram nobis ac aliis abbatibus accessuris in monasterio de Bewcheffe, xix. die mensis Aprilis jam instantis, causam rationalem (si quam habeat [ostensurus]) quare in usurpando stallum abbatis, et utendo baculo pastorali, divina celebrando immo verius prophanando [presumpserit]; necnon de summis sibi regulariter impositis nullatenus satisfaciendo, in predictas sententias et penas in predictis regularibus institutis limitatas et expressas, occasione premissa, incidisse et involutum esse; necnon ipsum depositum et officio et dignitate abbatiali privatum fore, ipso jure; subditosque suos ab ipsius obedientia absolutos occasione premissa decerni, per nos Johannem abbatem et presidentem predictum pronunciari et declarari debeat in forma
f. 138 b. juris prepositurus et allegaturus, auditurus et || recepturus que justitia suadebit.

Verum etiam, quia, in ultima visitatione, in monasterio suo facta, quedam gravia contra eundem Thomam abbatem de Cokersande fuerant detecta, que, propter suorum enormitatem, ad audientiam Capituli generalis nostri Ordinis proxime tunc futuri reservata corrigenda; que tamen, in eodem Capitulo, dissimulatione exquisita, dolose fuerant concelata, ut intelleximus, et adhuc remanent incorrecta; quorum discussionem propter plura pericula animarum concrescentia ex eisdem non valemus sana conscientia preterire incorrectam;

Citetis igitur seu citari legitime faciatis peremptorie prefatum Thomam, quod, dictis die et loco, coram nobis personaliter compareat, in negotio inquisitionis hujusmodi in forma juris procedere, visurus, auditurus et responsurus, ulteriusque facturus et recepturus quod canonicis et regularibus convenit institutis;

Intimantes eidem, quod (sive dictis die et loco comparuerit, sive non) nos in premisso inquisitionis et pronunciationis negotio, in quantum possumus, secundum predicta canonica et nostri

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Ordinis instituta, ex nostro officio procedemus, ipsius contumacia non obstante.

Citetis insuper, modo et forma predictis, fratrem Willielmum de Manchester personaliter, ac reliquos canonicos de conventu ejusdem monasterii de Cokyrsande, quod ipsi, per duos vel tres canonicos et confratres suos (quos in procuratores suos idoneos duxerint assumendos, ordinandos et constituendos, sufficienterque legitime munitos) compareant, coram nobis, predictis die et loco, nos in premisso inquisitionis negotio certificaturi et processuri, visuri, ulteriusque audituri, facturi et admissuri quid decreverimus et pronunciaverimus in premissis.

Et quid feceritis in premissis, nos, sepedictis die et loco vel citra, personaliter certificetis ille vestrum qui presens mandatum nostrum fuerit executus, vive vocis oraculo ac sub aliquo signo vel sigillo autentico aut testimonio competenti.

295. General Answers to Questions proposed at Visitation. **1478.**

COKERSAND.

P. fol. 139. (Reg. Prem. f. 18 a.)

Cenobium de Cokersand,
in [comitatu Lancastrie, et]
Diocesi Eboraci.
[Tempore Henrici II., scilicet ante annum Ch. MCXC.
a Theobaldo Gualtero] fundatum est,
in honore [B. Marie Virginis].
Abbas de Crokeston est pater abbas.
Filia ejus est cenobium de Heppa sive Schappa.

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26 April, 1478.

296. Visitation of Cockersand.

Nothing criminal worthy of punishment discovered. For better observance, it is decreed that all the brethren eat in claustral cloaks, either in the hall or the infirmary. Regulations to be observed in the ceremonies in church; silence to be kept in statutory places; abbot enjoined to see regulations carried out; election of Wm. Bowland as abbot examined and confirmed.

[COKERSAND.]

A. fol. 10 b. || Visitationes reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini Ricardi Assavensis Episcopi et Abbatis de Schapp, incepte in monasterio de Cokyrsand, xxvi^to^ die Aprilis, anno Domini M°CCCCLXXVIII°, et consecrationis dicti reverendissimi patris anno sexto.

Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXVIII°, mensis Aprilis die xxvii., Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Cokyrsand nostri dicti Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis. Inquisitione facta secreto et singillatim ab omnibus confratribus dicti monasterii, nulla comperimus criminosa per nos corrigenda seu merito generali Capitulo referenda. Sed pro meliori reformatione decrevimus et in mandatis dedimus, ut omnes et singuli confratres semper commedant in cappis claustralibus, tam in aula quam in infirmitorio, sub pena maximi contemptus: et in majori missa, post offertorium ante calix incensetur, diaconus circuiat altare ante et retro incensando: et cotidie ad majorem missam ambo sint, diaconus et subdiaconus: et dum cantetur *Asperges me*, vel *Vidi aquam*, conventus stet, chorus contra chorum, et non conversus ad altare: et silentium conservent in locis ad hoc deputatis, sub pena statuti. Oneramus abbatem, presens per decretum, super omnia premissa fideliter observanda, sub pena contemptus. Et omnes confratres dicti monasterii capitulariter congregatos, auctoritate nostra plenissima, ab omnibus sententiis, juris et ordinis, absolvimus. Et electione venerabilis confratris nostri, Willelmi Bowland, abbatis dicti monasterii, diligenter examinata et per nos confirmata, in pleno Capitulo obedientiam nobis prestitit manualem. In presenti

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visitatione debet dicta ecclesa c. ℔., et debentur eidem xl.℔. ; granis, nisi de provisione et emptione usque nova, minime stoffata. Datum etc.

297. Visitation of Cockersand. **27 April, 1481.**

Bishop Redman gives high praise to the administration. He directs attention to the mode of singing and the bows to be made; the habits are to be of sufficient length; certain feasts are to be kept as directed by general Chapter.

VISITATIO DE COKYRSAND.

|| Anno Domini M°CCCC° octogesimo primo, mensis Aprilis die xxvii°, Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Cokyrsand, nostri dicti Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis. Et debita facta inquisitione, nulla comperimus criminosa nostra correctione digna seu merito generali Capitulo referenda, sed omnia ad laudem Dei et religionis honorem directa, tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus, summa providencia domini abbatis, qui in reparationibus, edificiis et omnimodis administrationibus sibi commissis, ut verus pastor pervigilat suis confratribus, cum zelo caritatis, timoris, amoris et obedientie sibi devotissime subjectis, et die nocteque regularibus observanciis Deo devote famulantibus. Tamen ad religionis decorem quedam reformanda decrevimus: videlicet ut psalmodia una voce cantetur, et voce incepta, sine decasu terminetur. Fiant eciam inclinationes, tam in senioribus quam in junioribus, cum reverencia ubique profunde, usque ad genua. Habitus eciam et tunice eis, infra cepta monasterii, fiant longe et profunde usque ad cavillam et non stricte aut curte ad modum itinerancium vel exterius laborancium. Festa vero Visitationis beate Marie, Sancte Anne, et Reliquiarum mandamus observanda, et decantanda juxta decretum generalis Capituli, sub pena sententie in eidem Capitulo late. In ultima visitatione debuit dicta ecclesia c.℔., modo vero c. marcas, et tantum eidem debetur. In granis et domicilio pertinentibus honorifice stoffatur. Datum &c. A. fol. 24.

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28 April, 1489.

298. Names of Community and Visitation of Cockersand.

Bishop Redman finds nothing serious at the abbey. The brethren are not to talk about the affairs of the Order with outsiders or to try to get appointed to offices through the influence of lay people; officials are to be present at the divine office. Regulations as to food; two canons, apostates, are excommunicated.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE KOKARSAND NOSTRI ORDINIS PREMONSTRATENSIS.

A. fol. 65.

Dominus Willelmus Bowland, abbas.

Sacerdotes:

Frater Milo Chatburn, prior.
„ Johannes Woddes, supprior.
„ Johannes Bordforde, vicarius de Garstange.
„ Johannes Banke, vicarius de Mitton.[1]
„ Georgius Lyndisley, custos cantarie de Tunstall.
„ Hugo Fausett, custos cantarie de Middilton.
„ Johannes Preston, procurator de Garstang.
„ Matheus Kyrkeby, procurator de Mitton.
Frater Thomas Pulton, circator.
„ Robertus Syngleton, provisor exteriorum.
„ Jacobus Skypton, gravator et cantor.
„ Henr. Staynynge, sacrista.
„ Willelmus Bowland.
„ Robertus Burton, succentor.
„ Edwardus Becrofte, sacrista et refectorarius.
„ Willelmus Bentham, cellerarius.

Novicii:

„ Johannes Lancaster.
„ Willelmus Hoton.

[1] *I.e.* Little Mitton, in Lancashire.

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Visitacio Monasterii de Cokersand.

|| Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXVIIII., xxviii. die mensis f. 65 b.
Aprilis, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum fratre nostro Roberto Bedall, de nostro monasterio de Schape priore, visitavimus monasterium de Cokarsand, nostri dicti Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis, prout tenemur ex jure nostreque religionis consuetudine, in qua quidem nihil inibi comperimus quod notam sapiebat criminis, sed inter capud et membra mutue dilectionis et caritatis vinculum feliciter efflorere, ita ut nihil penitus nostra correccione invenimus dignum seu Capitulo generali referendum. Sed cuncta tam in spiritualibus quam temporalibus, per abbatis ejusdem monasterii prudentissimam circumspeccionem, comperimus laudabiliter gubernata. Attamen, pro majori tranquillitate et securitate, districte precipimus, sub pena excommunicationis majoris, quod nullus prefati monasterii professus audeat seu quovismodo secreta nostri Ordinis sive consilia fratrum seu conservorum ejusdem monasterii, magnatibus dominis sive aliquibus personis secularibus, presumant revelare; aut eos prece vel precio conducere, ut per eos ad aliqua officia, ceterasve dignitates promoveantur, nec aliqui presumant de se ad aliquid officium intus vel extra habiles existere, nisi quos abbas ad hujusmodi sua discrecione dignos recognoverit esse. Et omnibus officiariis precipimus ut in quantum possint ad divinum servicium conveniant. Sed precipue districtius injungendo, precipimus fratribus tam senioribus quam junioribus, qui ad exteriora officia per abbatem non deputantur, quatinus ad horas tam diei quam noctis, ac etiam ad omnes horas beate Marie diei et noctis presentes sint et simul devotissime percantantes, nusquam eo tempore discurrentes sive alicubi vagantes, sub pena maximi contemptus. Et ne, sub eadem pena, aliquis presumat pro carnibus, pane, sive potu ad officiarios eisdem deputatos, umquam transmittere, aut hora prandii vel cene coram eis apposita alicubi transferre, sed necessitate nature impleta, dimittant. Ut ad monasterii utilitatem et commodum redigantur, domino abbati etiam in mandatis

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dedimus, ut ad nostre religionis professionem neminem recipiat, quem sive quos ex affinitate et consanguinitate conjunctos esse recognoverit. Precipimus insuper auctoritate domini Premonstratensis ut festum sancte Margarete virginis deinceps ut festum duplex, sicut de una virgine et martire, perpetuis temporibus venerabiliter celebretur. Johannem Barton et Johannem Presaw apostatas excommunicamus et excommunicatos declaramus. Ceteros etiam confratres ibidem capitulantes ab omnibus sentenciis juris et ordinis absolvimus et absolutos in his scriptis declaramus. In ultima visitacione nichil debuit dictum monasterium nec quidem in presenti; in frugibus et aliis necessariis peroptime provisum. Datum etc.

Et in eodem monasterio predicto expendunt in expensis per quamlibet septimanam xvi. modios frumenti et iiii^{or} farine avene. Item xxiiii. modios brassii. Et l. boves et vi^{xx} oves, et hec expendunt per annum.

17 Dec., 1489.

299. Extraordinary Visitation at Cokersand.

Bishop Redman is asked to visit because of bad reports; two canons found guilty of incontinence and punished severely; abbot ordered not to allow any drinking after Compline and not to permit women to go to the infirmary, refectory, or 'jordayne chamber.'

VISITATIO MONASTERII DE COKYRSAND.

A. fol. 84.

|| Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXVIIII., xvii. die mensis Decembris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro, domino Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore dicti monasterii nostri de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Cokyrsaund nostri dicti Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis, non debito revolucionis annorum curriculo nedum concurrente, sed crebris ad hoc precibus rogati, atque infamia ubique locorum diffusa immo coacti; ubi comperimus fratrem W. Bentham de lapsu carnis cum quadam muliere, vocata Marjorye Gardener, multipliciter diffamatum. Super quo

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coram nobis impetitus crimen non negavit, sed se inde reum protestatus est, quare injunximus eidem penam gravioris culpe xl. dierum, et ad monasterium de Croxton pro triennio fore emittendum.

Detectus est etiam frater Jacobus Skypton super eodem vicio, f. 84 b.
quo sibi a nobis illato illud cum tali muliere, nomine Elena Wilson, flagicium se quovismodo perpetrasse prorsus denegabat, sed indicta sibi purgacione legitime se purgare non potuit, quia nullus fratrum ejusdem ad hoc cum eo testificandus assurgere voluit. Igitur eidem dignam pro hujusmodi scelere inponimus penitenciam xl. dierum, et per vii[tem] annos in monasterium de Sulby insuper fore emittendum. Pro talibus consimilibusque evitandis enormibus districte inhibemus potaciones post completorium, sub pena trium dierum in pane et aqua jejunandi. Et domino abbati districtius mandavimus, ceterisque presidentibus, ne aliquem quovismodo ad hoc licencient. Inhibemus insuper districte omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus, sub pena contemptus, ne albis vel presertim nigris utantur liripipiis. Et priori suppriorique precipimus ne aliquando sinant mulieres in firmariam, refectorium, vel domum vocatam 'jordayne chamber,' ollas deferre, quia per hoc non modica possunt oriri dampna et scandala. Et priorem dicti monasterii, propter morum gravitatem natureque debilitatem, ab onere chori et claustri die et nocte omnino exoneravimus. Haud plura non comperimus ad presens que salubri abbatis discrecione relinquimus reformanda. Datum etc.

300. Election of an Abbot at Cockersand. **16 Dec., 1490.**

On the death of William Bowland, the late abbot, Bishop Redman held an election on December 16, 1490, *which resulted in the choice of John Preston.*

(*See Vol. I., No.* 64.)

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1491. **301. Bishop Redman begins his round of Visitations at Cockersand.**

[INITIO VISITATIONIS.]

A. fol. 90. Progressus visitacionis reverendissimi patris Assavensis Episcopi, qui a monasterio suo equitando primo visitacionem suam incepit in monasterio de Cokarsaund, tam auctoritate reverendissimi patris Premonstratensis quam patris abbatis de Croxton; videlicet xxv. die mensis Aprilis anno Domini millesimo CCCC. nonagesimo primo, et sue consecracionis anno xix., et sic ad singula nostri Ordinis monasteria infra circariam tocius Anglie, Deo concedente, deinde accessisse intendens prout inferius patebit, etc.

26 April, 1491. **302. Visitation of Cockersand.**

Bishop Redman enjoins one day on bread and water for a canon careless about the silence. The canons are to take care of the obligation of poverty: the tonsure is to accord with the statutes: wide shoes called 'slippers' are forbidden: any drinking after Compline is to be watched over carefully.

IN PRIMIS.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE COKARSAND.

A. fol. 90 b. Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI., mensis Aprilis die xxvi., Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedall, canonico nostri monasterii predicti de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Cokyrsand, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi fratre Roberto Burton injunximus unum diem jejunare in pane et aqua, pro silencio fracto, disciplina debita prius recepta. Et plura ibidem duximus exortanda simul et reformanda; videlicet ne aliquis fratrum aliquid proprietatis sibi deinceps retineat, sive in pecunia, ovibus sive ceteris animalibus, nisi quod ratione officii sui, et hoc de consensu et licentia proprii sui prelati, retinere et habere tenetur, sed omnia proprio

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suo prelato, prout oportet, reddantur, ut ad utilitatem et commodum monasterii redigantur, ne cum Juda traditore proprietariorum numero computentur et pereant. Precipimus etiam ut patri suo humiliter obediant, sicuti ex regula sancti Augustini tenentur (sicut decet sanctos). Tonsure eciam minorentur, secundum formam statuti nostre religionis. Interdicimus insuper omnibus confratribus dicti monasterii ne de cetero utantur capuciis capis suis inherentibus penulatis omni lineo albo, sicut fuerat ordinatum in quodam provinciali capitulo, apud Leycestriam celebrato.[1] Istosque volubiles sotulares, nuper inter curiales usitatos, sub pena contemptus omnino interdicimus, anglice vocatos '*slyppars*' sive '*patans*.' Sed ad memoriam reducentes hec verba Regule, sub qua[2] obligentur vivere: 'Non sit notabilis habitus vester etc.' Omnes insuper potaciones post completorium interdicimus, nisi quas abbas vel presidens conventus suorum licencia, rationabili causa, pro honestate et utilitate monasterii duxerint suorum presencia esse convocandas. Alia ad presens non comperimus reformanda. Sed ex laudabili ejusdem abbatis providencia ex eo tempore quo digne nuper prefuit, utiliter et prospere universa gubernavit et profuit. In creacione novi abbatis nil debuit dictum monasterium in ovibus, granis, ceterisque domus necessariis nisi ex provisione existebat provisum. Datum sub sigillo nostro visitatorio, anno, die, et loco supradictis.

303. Names of the Community. **25 April, 1491.**

Nomina fratrum canonicorum monasteriorum nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis tocius Anglie hic inserata, in visitacione reverendissimi patris Assavensis episcopi, abbatis de Schappra, et visitatoris tocius Ordinis predicti infra Angliam, Walliam, Scociam et Hiberniam constituta, anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI., et consecracionis predicti reverendissimi patris Assavensis episcopi anno A. fol. 142 b.

[1] In MS. *celebratur.* [2] In MS. *quibus*

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xix., die vero mensis Aprilis xxv. etc, ut infra in visitacionibus verius et plenius intuetur.

IN PRIMIS NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE COKARSANDE.

Dominus Johannes Prestone, abbas.
Dominus Milo Chatborne, prior.
Frater Willelmus Bentham, supprior.
,, Johannes Banke, vicarius de Mittone.
,, Matheus Kyrkby, custos cantarie de Myddiltone.
,, Johannes Wodes, procurator de Garstange.
,, Johannes Bradforde, vicarius de Garstange.
,, Thomas Pultone, custos cantarie apud Tunstalle.
,, Robertus Syngiltone, provisor exteriorum.
Frater Jacobus Skyptone, cellerarius.
,, Henricus Staynynge, custos granarii.
,, Willelmus Bowlande, circator.
,, Robertus Burtone, sacrista.
,, Edwardus Becrofte, capellanus.
,, Johannes Lancaster, servitor conventus.
,, Jacobus Ridley, succentor.
,, Johannes Brande, solacius sacriste.
,, Willelmus Hotone, custos infirmorum.
,, Johannes Ulframe } novicii.
,, Thomas Kellett }

28 April, 1494.

304. Visitation of Cockersand.

Bishop Redman finds two canons guilty of incontinence. He punishes a canon who has made a mistake in the collects at Mass: condemns the tune to which the 'Salve' was sung: orders that at the elevation in the Mass the canons bow in place of kneeling: other choral directions are made.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE COKARSANDE.

A. fol. 121. Anno Domini M°CCCC nonagesimo quarto, xxviii die mensis Aprilis, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto nobis in

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Christo confratre nostro, Roberto Bedalle, canonico et professo nostri monasterii predicti, visitavimus monasterium de Cokarsande, nostri Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi comperimus fratrem Thomam Pultone multipliciter de incontinencia diffamatum cum quadam muliere vocata Margareta Ambros, habens cum eadem testem super terram, super quo coram nobis prostratus et de eodem crimine debite requisitus, se super hoc purgare sive contradicere legitime non potuit; quare eidem, justicia id exigente, penam xl. dierum gravioris culpe injunximus et eundem nihilominus ad monasterium de Barlynge fore emittendum per triennium duximus. Sed tunc, ad intercessionem sui proprii prelati et seniorum domus pro eo multipliciter supplicancium, eundem Thomam quoad emissionem dimittimus, culpamque ejusdem in discrecione sui prelati custodiendam relinquimus prout viderit eundem fore penitentem. Ulteriusque idem Thomas vulgariter fuit diffamatus cum alia muliere, nomine Alicia Pylkyngtone, eo quod ex ea generavit prolem, et de hoc a nobis impetitus crimen negavit, sed quia legitime se purgare nequivit cum septima manu fratrum suorum, secundum quod fuit ibidem a nobis ordinatum, convictum de hujusmodi et reum esse decrevimus. Attamen, prece predictorum tam prelati quam subditorum, superatus ad majorem noticiam et immediatam cognicionem, usque post nostram visitacionem illud omnino continuavimus, tunc fore verius determinandum. Fratrem etiam Johannem Brand correximus pro defectu collectarum in majori missa, et quia culpam suam veniam petendo non cognovit, ideo injunximus eidem unum nocturnum Psalterii in claustro eodem die dicendum, cum corporali disciplina. Plura insuper ibidem in minoribus observanciis invenimus reformanda; videlicet ne sacerdotes ubicunque missam infra chorum sive extra celebraverint de cetero ante elevacionem hostie sive calicis quovismodo genua post verba sacramentalia flectant, sed tantum capite eidem reverenter inclinent, eodem eciam modo et diaconi ad utramque missam assignati de cetero faciant. Necnon eciam illam notam antiphone *Salve Regina* in presencia nostra contra la[u]dabilem nostri Ordinis

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consuetudinem cantatam omnino deinceps interdicimus. Precipimus insuper quatenus ympnus ad horas Beate Marie, videlicet *Memento salutis*, cotidie deinceps secundum notam qua in commemoracione eciam in feriis cantetur: et ad elevacionem, tam majoris misse quam minoris, cotidie una de majoribus campanis, tribus vel iiii^or^ ictibus, per intervalla pulsetur. Et cum in statutis districte inhibemur pueros in baptismate sive confirmacione tenere seu levare, secundum effectum ejusdem statuti omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus districte inhibemus ne de cetero levare seu ad confirmacionem tenere presumant, quia inde non modica exoriri enormia possunt. Inhibemus insuper ne fratres predicti ad nupcias transeant sive quevis spectacula de cetero excerceant, quia contra hoc leges Dei et hominum et honestas religiosorum contradicunt pariter et dampnant. Haud plura ad presens non comperimus, sed omnia alia integraliter honesta et commoda per abbatis ejusdem sagacitatem conservata, nec dicta ecclesia ullis debitis fuit onustata nec aliqua egestate innodata. Datum etc.

1494. **305. Names of the Community.**

A. fol. 115 b. Nomina confratrum monasteriorum nostri Ordinis tocius Anglie inventa in progressu reverendissimi patris et domini Ricardi, permissione divina Assavensis episcopi, anno Domini millesimo CCCC. nonagesimo quarto. In primis:

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE COKARSAND.

Dominus Johannes Prestone, abbas.	Sacerdotes
Frater Milo Chapbourne, prior.	Sacerdotes
„ Willelmus Bowland, supprior.	Sacerdotes
„ Johannes Bradforth, vicarius de Garstange.	Sacerdotes
Frater Johannes Bank, vicarius de Mittone.	Sacerdotes
„ Matheus Kyrkby, custos capelle de Midyltone.	Sacerdotes
„ Johannes Wodes, procurator ecclesie de Garstange.	Sacerdotes
„ Thomas Pultone.	Sacerdotes

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Frater Robertus Singiltone, procurator ecclesie de Myttone.	Sacerdotes.
„ Jacobus Skyptone, provisor exteriorum.	Sacerdotes.
„ Henricus Staynynge, custos capelle de Tunstalle.	Sacerdotes.
„ Robertus Burtone, gravator.	Sacerdotes.
„ Edwardus Becroft, hospitum custos et capellanus.	Sacerdotes.
Frater Willelmus Bentham.	Sacerdotes.
„ Johannes Lancaster, cellerarius.	Sacerdotes.
„ Willelmus Lemynge, succentor.	Sacerdotes.
„ Jacobus Redley, circator et cantor.	Sacerdotes.
„ Johannes Brande, sacrista.	Sacerdotes.
„ Joh. Hencha, subcellerarius.	Diaconi.
„ Thomas Kelet, subsacrista.	Diaconi.
„ Joh. Sylkok, accolitus.	

306. Visitation of Cockersand. **13 March, 1496–7.**

Bishop Redman sends John Preston, abbot of Cockersand, notice that he will make his canonical visit there on April 3.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 153.)

307. Visitation of Cockersand. **4 April, 1497.**

Abbot not to allow his canons to stop in bed during Matins unless they are ill; all are exhorted to assist in keeping up the divine office. The canons are warned against quarrels. The discretion and government of the abbot are praised.

Progressus reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini domini Ricardi Redmayne, permissione divina Exoniensis episcopi, abbatis monasterii beate Marie Magdalene de Schappare, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Karliolensis diocesis, et visitatoris et reformatoris Ordinis Premonstratensis tocius Anglie, Wallie, Scocie et Hibernie, ad visitandum et reformandum in eodem quicquid viciosum inventum fuerit; inceptus vero primo die mensis Aprilis anno A. fol. 128 b.

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Domini millesimo CCCC. nonagesimo septimo, consecracionis ejusdem anno vicesimo quarto, translacionisque sue anno secundo. Et Deo concedente ad felicem perveniatur effectum.

Visitacio Monasterii de Cokyrsand.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXVII., quarto die mensis Aprilis, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto nobis in Christo fratre, Roberto Bedall, canonico et professo nostri monasterii predicti, visitavimus monasterium de Cokyrsand, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi inquisicione, fratribus singillatim admissis, prehibita, nulla ibidem enormia nostra correccione instanti reformanda, immo verius in omnibus commendari queunt et laudari exhortando, tamen quedam eciam precipiendo, presens per decretum, reliquimus observari, sub virtute sancte obediencie, quatenus prelato suo humiliter obediant in omnibus que ad nostram religionem et monasterii commodum pertinere dinoscuntur. Et ut abbas nulli subditorum licenciam prebeat, tempore matutinarum, jacenti in dormitorio quiescere sive jacere, nisi evidentis infirmitatis tempore, et hoc cum licencia et precepto prelati fiat. Precipimus insuper ut omnes toto cum cordis affectu divinum supportent servicium nocte dieque, omni ficcione et simulata infirmitate postposita. Inhibemus eciam omnibus ne alicui quis obprobrium seu scandalum dicat vel inferat fratri suo, sive cultellum extrahat maliciose ad percuciendum vel [ad] aliquem tantum minandum, sub pena in carcere, victu incarceratorum, per annum districte includendi; quos contrafacientes et
129. horum transgressores precipimus prelato || districtius punire modo premisso. Alia ad presens hinc non sentimus morari, aut altera precepta relinquere, considerantes prelati ejusdem monasterii immensam discrecionem, et quoad divinum cultum monasteriique commodum indefessam voluntatem. In presenti visitacione dicta ecclesia nullo debitorum artatur onere, sed verius plura eidem debentur debita. In omnimodis valde habundanter plusquam

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diebus predecessorum ejus, in granis et ceteris aliis locupletata. Datum sub sigillo nostro, anno, die, et loco supradictis.

308. Names of the Community. 1497.

Nomina confratrum monasteriorum, Ordinis Premonstratensis, infra provinciam Anglie, inventa visitacione per reverendissimum patrem Ricardum Exoniensem episcopum, abbatemque de Schappe, habita tercio die mensis Aprilis anno Domini M° CCCCLXXXXVII., et consecracionis prefati patris anno xx^mo^iiii^to^, et translationis anno secundo, incepta in monasterio de Cokarsand. Et sic secuntur nomina singulorum prout inferius sequitur. A. fol. 51.

NOMINA MONASTERII DE COKYRSAND.

Dominus Johannes Preston, abbas.
Frater Milo Chatburne, prior.
,, Johannes Bradforth, vicarius de Garstang.
,, Johannes Bank, vicarius de Mitton.
,, Thomas Pulton, supprior.
,, Mathias Kyrkby, custos cantarie apud Myddilton.
,, Johannes Wodes, procurator de Garstange.
,, Robertus Singilton, procurator de Mitton.
,, Jacobus Skypton, cellerarius.
,, Henricus Staynnynge, custos cantarie de Tunstall.
Frater Willelmus Bowland.
,, Robertus Burton, cantor.
,, Edwardus Bycroft, hospitarius.
,, Lancaster, subcellerarius et custos infirmorum.
,, Willelmus Hoton.
,, Jacobus Rudley, granatorius.
,, Joh. Brand, sacrista.
,, Joh. Hynschaw.
,, Thomas Kelett, succentor.
,, Johannes Sykcok, subsacrista et circator.

Jacobus Dugdall } nondum professi.
Matheus Macrell }

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27 April, 1500

309. Names of the Community and Visitation.

The abbot has long been ill, but the house is in good order. Many have not been well, and Bishop Redman traces it to over-drinking and sitting up at night. The subprior is to see that silence is better kept: some directions as to dress.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE COKYRSANDE.

A. fol. 143 b.

Dominus Johannes Prestone, abbas.

Sacerdotes omnes:

Frater Johannes Sylkok, supprior.
,, Matheus Kyrkby, custos cantarie de Mydiltone.
,, Joh. Wodes, vicarius de Garstange.
,, Thomas Pultone, vicarius de Myttone.
,, Robertus Syngiltone, procurator de Myttone.
,, Jacobus Skyptone, provisor exteriorum.
,, Henr. Staynyng, custos cantarie de Thorlande.
,, Willelmus Bolande, procurator de Garstang.

Frater Robertus Burtone, cantor.
,, Edwardus Becroft, frater hospitalis.
,, Johannes Loncaster, cellerarius.
,, Willelmus Hottone.
,, Jacobus Rudley.
,, Joh. Brande, gravator.
,, Joh. Hynescha.
,, Thomas Kelett, succentor.
,, Jacobus Dugdale, sacrista.
,, Matheus Macrelle, solacio sacriste.

Sacerdotes omnes.

Non professi:

,, Joh. Bradley,
,, Edmundus Brayscha,
,, Joh. Holme,

Anno Domini millesimo D., xxvii. die mensis Aprilis, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedalle, canonico nostri monasterii predicti de Schappra, visita-

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vimus monasterium de Cokyrsande, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis. Et quamvis abbas dicti monasterii diuturno tempore fuerit gravi vexatus infirmitate, tamen per hoc non diminuuntur bona monasterii. Sed et nunc in dies convalescit, et singula ad uberiorem ducere effectum et profectum animose anhelat. Plures ibidem fratres, diversis infectos infirmitatibus, comperimus, quarum causam diligenter perscrutantes invenimus illud ob inordinate potacionis et vigilancie post completorium, quas potaciones, ut premittitur, post completorium inhibemus de cetero, sub pena contemptus, tam ex parte petencium quam licenciam concedencium, videlicet quod liceat eisdem occasionem ad hujusmodi a superioribus concedi, officiariis tamen, racione officiorum suorum, duntaxat exceptis. Districte insuper inhibemus ne abbas ibidem subditos licenciare presumat ad nupcias, nundinas, sive ad cetera spectacula, contra canonum et statutorum nostri Ordinis jura, transire, nec ad hoc presumant a prelato licenciam petere, nisi sint eis valde propinqui, puta frater vel soror aut simile hujusmodi. Precipimus etiam suppriori silencium locis debitis, presertim ecclesia et claustro, melius observari sub pena statuti sine spe remittendi. Alia ad presens non comperimus. In granis, animalibus, ceterisque omnibus habundantissime ditantur, onere debitorum nequaquam gravati. Data sigillo nostro visitatorio, anno, die, mense et loco prenominatis.

Ulteriusque presens per decretum omnibus et singulis dicte f. 144.
ecclesie fratribus inhibemus ne candidum habitum vilipendant extra monasterium; collobia nigra cum liripipiis verei (?) coloris circa colla portando que omnino curiositatem et nullam corporis necessitatem requirunt et portentant; necnon etiam Roberto Burtone et Thome Calet, suis demeritis exigentibus, voce et stallo privatis, quos decrevimus esse novissimos in conventu donec per dominum Premonstratensem secum aliter fuerit dispensatum etc.

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X. COVERHAM.

THE abbey of Coverham, in the county and diocese of York, was founded from Newhouse about the year 1189.[1] The following are the names of the abbots that occur:

1196–1202 (oc.).	P[hilip] de Suanesby[2] (*Surtees Soc.* vol. lxxxix., p. 34; vol. xciv., p. 72).
1222–31 (oc.).	Conan (*Yorks. Arch. Soc.* xvii. p. 34).
1252–1257 (oc.).	John (ibid.; Whitaker, *Richmondshire*, i. 356).
1262.	William (*Yorks. Arch. Soc.* ut sup.).
1287.	Nicholas (ibid.).
1300–1306.	John (ibid.; Harl. Ch., A. 46; H. 54).
1330 (oc.).	Galfridus de Scropp (Rymer, *Fœdera*, iv. 417).
1331.	William de Aldeburgh (*Yorks. Arch. Soc.* ut sup.).
?	Robert (Addy's *Beauchief*, p. 26).
1371 (oc.).	Elias (*Yorks. Arch. Soc.* ut sup.).
ante 1414.	John (ibid.).
1414.	Cuthbert de Ridmere (ibid.).
1435.	Gauden (ibid.).
1470–1488.	John Brownflete (ibid.; Nos. 60, 319).
1488–1500.	John Ascogh or Askew (ibid. and Dep. Keeper Rep. IX. App. II. p. 117; Nos. 60, 328).
1511–1512.	Thomas Sidds or Sidden (*Yorks. Arch. Soc.* ut sup.).
1519.	Christopher Salley (ibid.).
1521.	Christopher Hilton (ibid.).
1528.	Christopher Rokesby (alias Rexeby, alias Raper) (*Surtees Soc.* vol. xlii., p. 302).

[1] In No. 310 Peck gives the date as 1212 or 1213, which is clearly wrong.

[2] Swainsby was the first place of settlement, and this abbot probably moved to Coverham.

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310. List of the Community at Coverham. **1475.**

COVERHAM.

A. fol. 6.

Dominus Johannes Bromfeld, abbas.
Frater Johannes Doram, supprior.
Johannes Cartmell, vicarius de Ketelwell.
Willelmus Wery, presbiter parochialis.
Robertus Skyrpenbek, quondam vicarius de Sedbar.[1]
Robertus Mawnsell, vicarius de Thoroby.[2]
Johannes York, staurarius.
Johannes Marschall, vicarius de Rydmer.[3]
Thomas Letheley, vicarius de Sedbar.
Willelmus York, vicarius de Downome.[4]
Robertus Kyrkby, cantor.
Johannes Ayscoghe, circator.
Johannes Bedale, succentor.
Willelmus Hamswete, sacrista.
Willelmus Gylling, subcellerarius.
Thomas Spensley, refectorarius, } diaconi.
Willelmus Johnson, subsacrista, } diaconi.
Johannes Pervyn, } novicii.
Rychardus Hodson, } novicii.

311. General Answer to the Visitation Questions. **1478.**

P. fol. 140. (Reg. Prem. f. 117 b.)

Cenobium de Coverham,
in [comitatu et]
Diocesi Eboraci;
[anno regni Regis Johannis xiv. annoque Domini M.CC.XII. vel M.CC.XIII.] fundatum est
[a Ranulpho de Glanville]
in honore B. Marie Virginis ad Festum Annunciationis.
Abbas de Newhouse est pater abbas.

[1] *I.e.* Sedbergh.
[2] Probably Thoresby.
[3] Redmire.
[4] *I.e.* Downholme.

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Quatuor habet ecclesias, et ecclesiam de novo appropriatam.
Duas habet cantarias.
Dominus de Medlaham est fundator (sive patronus).

1478. **312. Visitation of Coverham.**

Br. Wm. York confessed incontinence, and is sent to Cockersand for three years after forty days of severe penance—mitigated on promise to forswear further dealings with Joan Preston. He is to be content with 100 *shillings from his benefice—the rest to pay his debts and redeem his books which were pawned. Br. Wm. Gyllyng was accused of getting a woman into the dormitory for evil purposes; denied it and purged himself. Great want of observance of silence and of choir ceremonies, and the use of skull caps there and potations in the dormitory and other places forbidden. All to be strictly corrected. Inquiry as to the honesty of life of Br. Rob. Skyrpenbek, late vicar of Sedbergh: it was found without flaw. Bishop Redman appointed, till revocation, John Bromfield, abbot of Coverham, his subdelegate for reform of abuses in the northern parts.*

VISITATIO DE COVERHAM.

A. fol. 15 b. Anno Domini M° CCCCLXXVIII° Nos Ricardus etc., visitavimus monasterium de Coverham, nostri Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi frater Willelmus York, ex lapsu carnis, sua propria confessione convictus, veniam petiit. Cui injunximus penam xl^ta^ dierum gravioris culpe, et dictum fratrem Willelmum fore emittendum monasterio de Cokyrsand, ibidem fore pro triennio. Et tunc, ad intercessionem abbatis et tocius conventus, eandem continuavimus penam dicto Willelmo, solempniter jurato consorcium mulieris suspecte et secum diffamate, scilicet Johanne Preston, omnino defugere et nunquam inposterum ad id execrabile factum recidivare; et cum c. solidis pro sua exhibitione pro ministerio sue cure se fore contentum, residua proventuum sui beneficii in dispositione fore prelati, ad solutionem suorum debitorum, et

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redemptionem librorum per se inpignoratorum; et hiis peractis sui beneficii fructibus gaudere. Et si premissa fideliter non observet, aut quasi canis ad vomitum abjurata committat, injunximus domino abbati, sub pena depositionis, ut dictum Willelmum ad penas injunctas, sine spe gracie, revocare non omittat. Et fratrem Willelmum Gylling comperimus detectum, quod quandam mulierem pro sua libidine complenda in dormitorium deduceret. Et negavit crimen; et legitime proprio prelato se purgavit, et sic dimissus. Magnam dissolutionem silencii et in minoribus observanciis comperimus, utpote in inclinationibus et usu pileorum in choro, precipue in noctibus ad matutinas, nulla adhibita reverencia et debitis omissis observanciis, ac potationes in dormitorio et aliis locis prohibitis, vere conspicimus. Que omnia reformanda decrevimus, sub pena contemptus et statutorum sine remissione delinquentibus imponenda. Fratre Roberto Skyrpenbek, nuper vicario de Sedbar, coram nobis prostrato, et cunctis confratribus ibidem capitulantibus interrogatis de suis moribus, vita et fama, omnes sic conclamaverunt, honoris et obedientie verus filius est. Et sic per nos dimissus est, exhortantes eum sic perseverare et suos confratres ut predixerunt perhibere. Et quia sepius nos in servicio excellentissimi principis regis nostri, licet indignus, oportet attendere, igitur in absencia nostra in circaria boreali auctoritatem reverendissimi patris nostri Premonstratensis nobis commissam, in monasteriis nostri Ordinis ibidem, venerabili confratri nostro domino Johanni Bromfeld, abbati istius monasterii de Coverham, usque [ad] revocationem nostram concedimus per presentes, et nostrum subdelegatum ordinamus, potestatem corrigendi et reformandi et nostras vices gerendi in dictis monasteriis, ut premittitur, habiturum. Alia quoque corrigenda, seu generali Capitulo referenda, non comperimus. In ultima visitatione debuit dictum monasterium xxx.ti., modo vero x.ti., domo honorifice in omnibus aliis disposita. Dat. etc.

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1478. **313. Names of the Community.**

COVERHAM.

A. fol. 23. Dominus de Midlaham est fundator. Abbas de Neuhouse est pater abbas, iiii^or^ habet ecclesias et duas cantarias, et ecclesiam de novo appropriatam vocatam Syam [1]; canonici sunt curati, quidam perpetui, quidam non. Fundatum erat dictum monasterium in honore beate Marie virginis, ad festum Assumptionis, anno Domini M°.

NOMINA.

Dominus Johannes Bromfeld, abbas.
Frater Johannes Doram, prior.
,, Robertus Kyrby, supprior.
,, Willelmus Wery.
,, Robertus Mawnsell.
,, Johannes Marschall.
,, Willelmus York.
,, Johannes Ayscogh, cellerarius.
,, Johannes Bedale, presbiter parochialis.
,, Wyllelmus Hamswhayte, circator.
,, Willelmus Gylling, subcellerarius.
Frater Thomas Spenslay.
,, Willelmus Crakhall, sacrista.

Juvenes.

,, Joh. Pervyn.
,, Ricardus Midlaham, refectorarius.
,, Johannes Garry, subsacrista.
,, Willelmus Dernton.

Vicarii.

,, Willelmus Lethla, vicarius de Sedbar.
,, Johannes York, vicarius de Downham.

[1] Probably Seaham.

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314. Visitation of Coverham. **21 April, 1482.**

Bishop Redman finds all things well. He makes some small regulations about rising in the morning and the correction of slight offences. He orders the vicars to be content with their stipends, not burdening the monastery.

VISITATIO MONASTERII DE COVERHAM.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXII., xxi. die mensis Aprilis, Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Coverham; ubi solerter de utroque statu inquirentes et diligenter examinantes, tam de temporalibus quam spiritualibus, comperimus[1] abbatem et suos subditos ferventi caritatis amore invicem diligere, et dictum monasterium, in spiritualibus et temporalibus, laudabiliter dispositum et utiliter directum; ita quod nulla sentimus nostra correctione digna. Tamen quedam in melius reformanda decrevimus quatinus omnes canonici in dormitorio jacentes noctuanter consurgant ad matutinas, sub pena unius diei in pane et aqua; et ut supprior magis sit solicitus pro excessibus, et fratrum suorum necligenciis debite, secundum Ordinis instituta, emendandis; et ad primam ac matutinas in processione ad chorum semper conventum precedat. Inhibemus etiam districte, sub pena excommunicationis majoris, ut vicarii et ceteri fratres, extra monasterium curam habentes, quatinus propriis stipendiis eis assignatis sint contenti, non permanentes [in] monasterio suo sive onerantes.[2] Inhibemus etiam omnibus confratribus de dicte ecclesie gremio professis, ne solicitent seu laborare faciant seculares pro beneficiis aut officiis sibi per ipsos donari seu committi, sub pena manifesti contemptus. Precipimus insuper cunctis fratribus ne colloquium seu aliquam familiaritatem habeant cum mulieribus infra septa monasterii, nisi evidente necessitate, sub pena unius diei in pane et aqua delinquentibus, sine remissione inponenda. Et nullus coquinam seu cellarium ingredi audeat aut in eis commedere, sub A. fol. 26 b.

[1] MS. has *inter*. [2] MS. has *sive monasterium, &c.*

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pena predicta, nisi officiarii, qui hoc habent ex ratione suorum officiorum. Item abbati in mandatis dedimus ne alicui licenciam det proprietatem habere, sive predictos curatos sinat, de cetero, exhibitionem suam in monasterio habere. In ultima visitacione debuit dictum monasterium cc. markas, modo vero tantum; in omnibus aliis bene et laudabiliter stoffatum. Datum etc.

1482. **315. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM ET PROFESSORUM MONASTERII DE COVERHAM.

A. fol. 44.

Dominus Johannes Bromfelde, abbas.
Robertus Kyrkby, supprior.
Robertus Mawnsell, canonicus de Thoralby.
Johannes Marschall, canonicus de Rydmer.
Johannes Ascoght, cellerarius.
Johannes Bedall.
Wyllelmus Gyllynge, vicarius de Downowme.
Thomas Spenlay.
Wyllelmus Jonson, presbiter parochialis.
Johannes Pervyn, capellanus.
Ricardus Midelham, subcellerarius.
Johannes Garrey, custos granorum.
Wyll. Darton, succentor.
Thomas Syde.
Wyllelmus Spence.
Johannes Marsch.

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316. Visitation of Coverham. **28 May, 1486.**

Bishop Redman visited the abbot in person and the convent by proxy, at St. Agatha's Abbey. One canon is charged with incontinence and punished: the sub-prior stays away from Matins: one canon has thrown off the religious habit. The Bishop bestows the absolution on the abbot and the monks' proctor and gives the former power to absolve his community.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE COVERHAM.

Anno Domino MCCCC. octogesimo sexto, xxviii. die mensis Maii, Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Coverham, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis: [abbatem] in propria sua persona, et conventum per procuratorem, in domo capitulari monasterii sancte Agathe, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis; ubi comperimus fratrem Johannem Marsch de incontinencia multipliciter diffamatum cum quadam muliere, nomine Johanna Hayton. Et quod nequius est, quia non curat aliquid omittere horarum canonicarum. Qua de causa nos de remedio providere cupientes, domino abbati districte precipimus, quatenus super hoc debita inquisicione et diligenti examinacione prehibita, si dictus Johannes in sua purgacione deficerit et reus inventus fuerit, debite secundum instituta nostre religionis puniatur, prout deliquiverit in parte vel in toto; et ut abbas dictam Johannam Hayton a monasterio amoveri faciat. Suppriorem insuper intelleximus necligentem in officio, quia ut debet, non ad matutinas surgit. Quare precipimus domino abbati, sub pena contemptus, ut si deinceps necligens in hoc inventus sit, graviter puniatur, aut alias ab officio suspendatur. Item domino abbati dedimus in mandatis ut Thomam Pudsay a monasterio suo amoveat, eo quod habitu nostre religionis assumpto, in eo permanere contempserit. Et dominum abbatem [et] Johannem Askew cum suo capellano ab omnibus sentenciis juris et ordinis sentenciis et excommunicationis seu interdicti absolvimus et absolutos declaramus in hiis scriptis. Et, auctoritate nostra predicta, eandem potestatem dicto abbati plenissime concedentes A. fol. 62 b.

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quatinus ceteros fratres suos modo predicto absolvat, tamen hac sola vice. In ultima visitacione debuit dicta ecclesia cc. markas, modo vero . . .

[*Ends abruptly.*]

14 August, 1488.

317. Names of the Community at the Visitation of Coverham.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE COVERHAM.

A. fol. 79 b.

Dominus Johannes Bromfeld, abbas.
Frater Robertus Kyrkby.
,, Johannes Askew, cellerarius.
,, Johannes Bedall.
,, Willelmus Gillynge.
,, Thomas Spensley, circator.
,, Ricardus Mydylham, capellanus.
,, Johannes Garrey, presbiter parochialis.
Frater Willelmus Darnton, cantor.
,, Willelmus Spence, sacrista.
,, Willelmus Hilton.
,, [Willelmus] Thornton.
,, Johannes Yorke.
,, Robertus Mawnsyll.
,, Thomas Lethley.
,, Thomas Sydes.
,, Johannes Marschall.

VISITACIO PREFATI MONASTERII.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXVIII., xiiii. die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore dicti nostri monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Coverham, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis. . . .

[*The entry of the Visitation ends here abruptly.*]

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318. Resignation of John Bromfield, Abbot of Coverham, into the hands of Bishop Redman, and election of John Askew as successor. 9 Dec. 1488.

The form of resignation and the process of election.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 60.)

319. Resignation of John Bromfield, Abbot of Coverham. 1489 (?)

As a sign of his voluntary resignation he delivers the seal of his office into the hands of Bishop Redman, who accepts it.

I. In Dei nomine, Amen. Coram vobis, autentica persona, et testibus hic presentibus, ego Johannes Bromfelde, abbas monasterii B. Marie Virginis de Coverham, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis, volens et affectans, ex certis causis veris et legitimis me et animam meam in hac parte monentibus, ab onere, cura et regimine, abbatialique dignitate prefati monasterii de Coverham, penitus exui et exonerari; non vi, metu, seu dolo ad hoc inductus: dictum monasterium meum in sacras manus reverendi in Christo patris et D. D. Ricardi Redmayn, Dei gratia Assavensis episcopi, abbatis de Schappa, dicti Premonstratensis Ordinis, Karliolensis diocesis, et domini Huberti Premonstratensis abbatis commissarii generalis (prefati monasterii nostri resignationem admittendi potestatem habentis) pure, sponte, simpliciter, et absolute resigno; ipsumque re et verbo dimitto, ac jure, titulo, et possessione, abbatialique dignitate meis in eodem prehabitis renuncio, eisque concedo, et ab eisdem totaliter recedo, in hiis scriptis; in signum resignationis et renunciationis mee predicte,[1] sigillum officii mei vobis tradendo, infraque sacras manus vestras resignando. Et dictam ecclesiam esse vacantem ac a patre et pastore ad presens destitutam. P. fol. 141. (Reg. Prem. f. 133 a.)

II. Et nos prefatus Ricardus, permissione divina Assavensis episcopus, etc., prefatam resignationem seu abbatialis dignitatis renunciationem, rite et canonice sic factam, laudamus, approbamus

[1] In MS. *meis predictis.*

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et admittimus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum visitatorium apposuimus.

9 December, 1489 (?)

320. Election of John Askew as Abbot of Coverham.

Bishop Redman holds the election, which is per viam inspirationis. *He approves the choice, and installs the elect, placing in his hand the bell-ropes and the seal of his administration.*

P. fol. 141 b. Universis S. Matris Ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis, Ricardus, permissione divina Assavensis episcopus etc., salutem et notitiam veritatis.

Nuper vacante ecclesia monasterii B. Marie de Coverham, per cessionem, resignationem et renunciationem spontaneam venerabilis fratris Johannis Bromfelde, abbatis ejusdem ecclesie, pure et simpliciter in manibus nostris factam ;

Nos ergo ne ipsa ecclesia, pastoris solatio destituta, in spiritualibus et temporalibus gravia dispendia pateretur, assignavimus dicte ecclesie patribus sic vacantis, diem electionis novi abbatis faciendi, viz. ix. die mensis Decembris.

Quo die adveniente omnes confratres de gremio prefate ecclesie unanimiter congregati in domo capitulari; primitus, ut moris est, missa de Spiritu Sancto celebrata; lectoque capitulo de novo abbate faciendo; invocata prius Spiritus Sancti gratia; tandem favente Altissimo, per viam inspirationis ejusdem Spiritus Sancti, Johannem Askogh, ejusdem ecclesie confratrem, virum utique providum et discretum, in spiritualibus et temporalibus circumspectum, vita et moribus plurimum commendandum, scientem etiam et volentem jura ecclesie sue tueri, nominaverunt, et, nullo penitus discordante, concorditer elegerunt.

Nos vero dictam electionem et personam electam diligenter examinantes, prout decet, ipsum fratrem Johannem Askogh, in abbatem et pastorem predicte ecclesie de Coverham rite et canonice electum, ac electionem sic legitime factam, de consilio et assensu venerabilis confratris nostri abbatis monasterii S. Agathe, nobis-

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cum in hoc negotio assumpti, secundum formam nostri Ordinis statutorum et privilegiorum, laudamus, approbamus, et tenore presentium confirmamus.

Quibus peractis, omnes una voce *Te Deum laudamus* decantaverunt; et ipsum electum per nos sic confirmatum, ut moris est, ad ecclesiam adduxerunt; quo quidem psalmo decantato, ipsum electum installavimus, et in possessionem dicte ecclesie de Coverham induximus corporalem, campanas dicte ecclesie in manibus suis tradendo. f. 142.

Et premissis omnibus sic rite peractis, et omnibus ac nobis dicte ecclesie ad capitulum iterato reversis, surrexerunt omnes prefate ecclesie professi, et dicto electo, sic per nos confirmato, obedientiam manualem fecerunt. Et, tradito per nos sigillo ministrationis sue, omnia premissa et singula, omnibus quorum interest vel interesse poterit, notificamus per presentes.

In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem sigillum nostrum, una cum sigillo venerabilis confratris nostri abbatis monasterii S. Agathe, presentibus duximus apponendum.

Datum in monasterio predicto de Coverham, ix. die mensis Decembris.

321. Grant of a Pension and other Privileges to John Bromfield, the ex-Abbot. 1489 (?)

The new abbot and convent give him a room and permission to take the abbot's horses when he goes out. He may dine with the community as he pleases, and is to be served with a double portion, &c.

(*See Vol. I. No.* 69.)

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15 August, 1491.

322. Visitation of Coverham.

Bishop Redman finds the house well kept. The abbot, by his repairs, may be called a new founder. Canons are not to try to secure appointments: they are to be satisfied at the disposition of the abbot, all of whose appointments the bishop confirms. He remits the punishment of certain canons.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE COVERHAM.

A. fol. 93.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXI., xv. die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Coverham, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi honorabilem comperimus patrem providum et discretum, diligenter vigilantem [1] super gregem sibi commissum, eis prebentem bone conversacionis exemplum, cujus subditi fidelissime ei timore pariter et amore ferventissime sunt conjuncti, ita quod intus et extra omnia sunt laudabiliter et utiliter gubernata; atque in edificiis et reparacionibus internis, videlicet in ecclesia et extra, sumptuosissime non desistit suam indies exhibere diligenciam, ita quod non reparator, sed quasi novus fundator existere videtur. Omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus districtissime precipimus, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, ne, contra Ordinis nostri statuta, ad extraordinarium favorem seu potestatem quovismodo laborent, ut per eos officia sive beneficia consequi valeant: et ne murmurent contra patrem suum pro hujusmodi beneficiis, cantariis, sive officiis [ad] dictum monasterium spectantibus, si quibuslibet quibus voluerit dederit, seu alias meliori discrecione pro utilitate rei publice retinuerit quod sibi sive alicujus alterius, cujuscunque condicionis sint, consensu solummodo pertinet. Et omnes ordinaciones circa predictarum ecclesiarum predicto monasterio spectancium concessiones, ac omnimodas permutaciones per eundem abbatem qualitercunque factas seu provisas, auctoritate nostra plenaria per presentes roboramus et confirmamus. Et Johannem Brownfeld, pro suis demeritis contra ordinaciones et constituciones

[1] In MS. *vigilans.*

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diversimode attemptatis, dimisimus et absolutum in hiis scriptis declaramus, si horum premissa iterum non committat. Necnon et Willelmum Darntone suis demeritis a voce, stallo et obediencia nominatim privatum, suis contricione et religiosa conversacione consideratis, ad pristinum restituimus statum et bonam famam, presens per decretum. Quendam fratrem Thomam Spenser monasterii de Egliston canonicum, prius debite citatum, et diucius exspectatum, et minime comparentem, pronunciamus contumacem et in sua contumacia in monasterio de Coverham coram omnibus ejusdem ecclesie confratribus ibidem existentibus, excommunicatum decrevimus et declaravimus; precipientes domino abbati de Coverham quatenus citari eum faciat ut coram nobis in monasterio de Neuwhous, videlicet xxvi. die mensis Augusti proxime futuro, ibidem personaliter compareat, recepturus et subiturus quod justicia exigit. Ceteras observancias religionis cum divinorum cantu, secundum Ordinis instituta, diligencius more solito faciat subditos observare. In creacione dicti abbatis debuit dictum monasterium vii^{xx} ti., et in eisdem debitis adhuc obligatur. In granis et ceteris necessariis usque ad nova habundantissime stuffatum. Datum sub sigillo nostro visitatorio anno, die, mense et loco supradictis.

323. Names of the Community. **1491.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE COVERHAM.

A. fol. 112 b.

Dominus Johannes Askoghe, abbas.
„ Johannes Brunfelde, quondam abbas.
Frater Ricardus Middelam, supprior. } Sacerdotes.
„ Thomas Siddes, vicarius de Sadbyrke. } Sacerdotes.
Frater Robertus Maunselle, vicarius de Thoralby. } Sacerdotes.
„ Thomas Lethley, quondam vicarius de Sadbyrke. } Sacerdotes.
„ Johannes Yorke, vicarius de Kettylwelle. } Sacerdotes.

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Frater Johannes Marshalle, vicarius de Downhome.	Sacerdotes.
,, Robertus Kyrkby.	Sacerdotes.
,, Johannes Bedalle, cellerarius.	Sacerdotes.
,, Thomas Spensley, subcellerarius.	Sacerdotes.
,, Johannes Garry, presbiter parochialis de Coverham.	Sacerdotes.
Frater Willelmus Darntone, cantor.	Sacerdotes.
,, Willelmus Spens.	Sacerdotes.
,, Willelmus Hyltone, hostiarius.	Sacerdotes.
,, Willelmus Thorntone, sacrista.	Sacerdotes.
,, Thomas Wensley.	Novicii.
,, Percivallus Melsynby.	Novicii.
,, Rogerus Clederow.	Novicii.
,, Cristoferus Salley.	Novicii.

21 May, 1494. 324. Visitation of Coverham.

After diligent investigation the Bishop finds very little to correct. The deacon at Mass is to stand and not kneel at the elevation and communion. The abbot is granted permission to select his own confessor.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE COVERHAM.

A. fol. 122. Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXIIII., die vero mensis Maii xxi., Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum prefato fratre nostro, Roberto Bedalle, visitavimus monasterium de Coverham, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi super reformacione et super singulorum defectuum correccione, religionisque conservacione, tam de statu spiritualium quam temporalium, diligenter perscrutantes, sed nulla ibidem reperimus crimina nostra reformacione digna; sed per abbatis ejusdem honorabilem discrecionem cuncta intus et extra laudabiliter existunt gubernata, et ille pater abbas singulis sibi commissis alimenta prebet animarum pariter et corporum; cui in Domino exhortavimus quatenus omnia et singula statuta ultimo provinciali Capitulo edita et decreta, in suo faciat monasterio diligenter observari. Ac insuper mandamus ne diaconi

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ad missam prescripti de cetero ad elevacionem hostie vel in percepcione ejusdem genua flectant, sed eidem reverenter inclinent casulam sacerdoti alleviando. Et omnibus dicte ecclesie fratribus precipimus quatenus evangelia *Missus est* et *Exurgens Maria* cum genuum-fleccione cotidie ante altare dicant antequam casulam se induant. Haud plus ad presens in preceptis ibidem inserere minime cogimur. Status autem ejusdem precipue quoad debita, debet v^{xx} li. tantum, licet ultima visitacione vii^{xx} li. debuit; in granis et animalibus habundantissime constat dicta ecclesia provisa. Ulteriusque, ex nostra speciali gracia, prefato domino abbati presens per decretum concedimus quatenus sibi possit eligere confessorem ydoneum, qui confessiones suas possit audire, et eidem penitenciam salutarem injungere, ac eundem ab omnibus criminibus, excessibus, offensionibus, aut sceleribus quibuscumque, necnon a sentenciis juris et ordinis, suspencionis, excommunicacionis, interdicti, seu irregularitatis si quam, quod absit, contraxerit, plenarie absolvere tociens quociens sibi viderit expedire, auctoritate prefati patris Premonstratensis, qua plenarie fungimur in hac parte, prefato domino abbati concedimus per presentes facultatem. Insuper addentes pariter et concedentes dicto domino abbati auctoritatem et potestatem nostram plenissimam dispensandi cum omnibus et singulis confratribus suis super sentenciis juris et ordinis, suspencionis, excommunicacionis, interdicti, seu irregularitatis, si quam, quod absit, contraxerint, et ab eisdem totaliter absolvendi quantum in nobis est et ad nos pertinet, super premissa omnia et singula omnimodam concedimus facultatem. In cujus rei testimonium presenti decreto sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum. Datum anno, die, et loco supra notatis.

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1494. **325. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE COVERHAM.

A. fol. 115 b. Dominus Johannes Askew, abbas.
„ Johannes Bromfelde, quondam [abbas].
Frater Willelmus Thorntone, circator.
„ Robertus Mawnselle, vicarius de Thoralby.
„ Thomas Lethey, quondam vicarius de Sedbare.
„ Thomas Sydes, vicarius modernus.
„ Johannes Marschalle, vicarius de Downham.
fol. 116. „ Johannes Bedalle, cellerarius.
Frater Thomas Spensley, vicegerens apud Kettilwelle.
„ Ricardus Midlame.
„ Johannes Garry, parochialis presbiter.
„ Willelmus Hiltone, subcellarius.
„ [Thomas] Wensley, cantor.
„ Percivellus Melsynby, sacrista.
„ Cristoferus Salley, diaconus.
„ Rogerus Clydero. } Professi.
„ Willelmus Swaynby. } Professi.
„ Ricardus Mawnby. } Professi.

20 Aug., 1497. **326. Visitation of Coverham.**

Bishop Redman appoints August 20 *for his visitation.*
(*See Vol. I., No.* 103.)

21 Aug., 1497. **327. Names of the Community and Visitation of Coverham.**

Bishop Redman, after inquiry, finds the house in an excellent state. He renews the permission for abbot to make choice of a confessor.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE COVERHAM.

A. fol. 132 b. Dominus Johannes Askew, abbas.
Frater Thomas Lethley.
Frater Johannes Bedalle, cellerarius.

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Frater Thomas Spensley.
„ Johannes Garrey, capellanus ecclesie parochialis.
„ Willelmus Hiltone.
„ Percevallus Melsynby, circator.
„ Rogerus Sledorow.
„ Cristoferus Salley.
„ Willelmus Swanby.

Frater Ricardus Mawnby.
„ Thomas Boltone, subdiaconus.
„ Henricus Skyptone, novicius.
„ Johannes Witone. } Novicii et non professi.
„ Robertus Newburghe. } Novicii et non professi.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXVII., xxi. die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedalle, canonico et professo nostri dicti monasterii, visitavimus monasterium de Coverham, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi inquisicione diligenti prehabita, nulla, aut parte patris aut fratrum ejus, coram nobis allata sunt crimina, sed caritate invicem annecti et fratres et jugo obediencie astricti, ita quod inter eos dici potest, quod Actibus Apostolorum dicitur: *Egens non erat inter illos.* Ob quod thesaurum ecclesie cum dicto domino abbate, ejus discrecione perpensa, reliquimus, tam ad eligendum sibi ydoneum confessorem atque cum suis subditis dispensare sicuti plenius decreto ultime visitacionis continetur, que omnia in dicto decreto ultime visitacionis ut predicitur contenta, usque ad nostram specialem revocacionem, auctoritate dicti domini Premonstratensis, qua plenarie fungimur in hac parte, ratificavimus, approbamus, et per presentes confirmamus. Debita ultime visitacionis minorare non potuit ob magna et importabilia onera sibi multimode accedencia. In granis et animalibus satis habundanter instaurata. Datum etc.

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9 May, 1500. **328. Names of Community and Visitation at Coverham.**

Bishop Redman finds the house in an excellent state. The community thank God that they had made such an excellent choice in electing their abbot.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE COVERHAM.

A. f. 146.

Dominus Johannes Askew, abbas.	Sacerdotes.	Frater Percevallus Melsynby, circator.	Sacerdotes.
Frater Thomas Lethley, quondam vicarius, etc.		,, Roger Cledero, cantor.	
,, Johannes Bedalle, cellerarius.		,, Cristoferus Salley, sacrista.	
,, Thomas Spensley.		,, Willhelmus Sawnbe.	
,, Ricardus Mydilham, vicarius de Downam.		,, Ricardus Mawnby, subcellerarius.	
,, Johannes Garrey, curator de Coverham.		,, Thomas Boltone, gravator.	
,, [Thomas] Wensley, vicarius de Ketylwelle.		,, Henricus Skyptone.	Novicii.
		,, Johannes Wittone.	
		,, Robertus Newburghe.	

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini M. quingentesimo, ix. die mensis Maii, assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedalle, etc., visitavimus monasterium de Coverham, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi universi singuli dicti monasterii confratres providum et discretum, pium et benignum se habere testati sunt patrem, Deo reddentes graciarum acciones talem sibi preelegisse pastorem, singulis, tam animarum quam corporum, prebentem alimenta et exempla virtutum. Circa quorum conservanciam, tam spiritualium quam temporalium, in nullis nobis competit quempiam reformare. Idcirco dicti abbatis discrecionem et ordinis zelum merito considerantes, damus et concedimus nostram

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plenariam potestatem usque ad proximam visitacionem cum suis subditis in omnibus corrigere, absolvere, et secum dispensare secundum discrecionem ejusdem, voce et stallo eorundem, forte amissis, solummodo nobis reservatis. Eorundemque meritis id exigentibus omnes et singulos ibidem capitulantes absolvimus et plenarie absolutos in hiis scriptis declaramus. Hujus ecclesie debita diligenter examinantes xl. ti. ad presens fore comperimus; in granis usque nova et animalibus in mediocri statu existit. Datum etc.

XI. CROXTON.

THE abbey of Croxton, in Leicestershire, was founded, under the patronage of St. John the Evangelist, from Newhouse in A.D. 1162. The following is a list of some of the abbots:

1154 (oc.)	Thomas (*Monast.* vi. 876).
t. Hy. II. (*late*) (oc.).	William (Harl. Ch. 44, J. 3).
1203–1220 (oc.).	Adam (Addy's *Beauchief*, p. 55).
1228–1230 (oc.).	Elias (*Monast.* vi. 876).
1231.	Ralph or Robert de Lincoln (ibid.; Harl. Ch. 52, C. 5).
1241.	John.
1242–1250.	Geffery (Addy, 45; *Detached Seals*, xciv. 26, 27).
1250–1260.	Thomas (*Monast.* vi. 876; Harl. Ch. 43, G. 30; No. 329).
1274 (ob.).	William de Houghton (*Monast.* ut sup.).
1279 (oc. *circa*).	Thomas (No. 329).
1280–97 (oc.).	William de Graham (Rot. Pat. 8 Ed. I.; *Anct. Corr.* xlvii. p. 221; No. 3).
1310–1319.	William de Brackley (*Monast.* vi. 876).
1336 (oc.)	John of Grantham (No. 141).

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1348 (oc.)	William de Sleford (Cal. Rot. Cl. 3 H. IV. p. 75).
1363 (oc.).	Thomas (Cal. Pap. Docs., iv. 32).
1401–1431.	John de Skotylthorp (Rot. Pat. 2 H. IV.; Cal. Anct. Deeds, iv. 384, A. 9030).
1475–1478.	John Arghum (Nos. 19, 59, 333).
1478–1500.	Elias Attercliff (Nos. 59, 349).
1534.	Robert Derby (*Monast.* vi. 876).
1539.	Thomas Green (at surrender).

circa 1279. **329.[1] Thomas, Abbot of Croxton, to his Obedientiaries at the Cell of Hornby.**

That the custodians of the cell show themselves more obedient and observant of rule; without permission no letter nor messenger should be despatched; Robert de Gaddesby, a canon of Croxton, is appointed custodian.

P. fol. 86. Frater Thomas, permissione divina, abbas monasterii de Croxton (in com. Leic.) dilectis filiis, omnibus et singulis tam presentibus quam futuris, obedienciariis nostris in cella nostra de Horneby commorantibus, seu in posterum moraturis, salutem, et vere obedientie meritum consequi post laborem.

Cum tercia substancialis columpna cujuslibet religionis sit obedientia . . . quod ipsa cessante religio penitus naufragetur juxta canonicas sancciones (a qua etiam non excusat indignitas presidentis, precipiente Apostolo,[2] *non tantum bonis et modestis, set etiam dyscolis* obedire prepositis);

Et nobis fidedignorum relatu innotuit, quosdam subditos nostros in dicta cella nostra attentius commorantes, de custodis dicte celle, quem ibidem pro nobis, ut oportet, constat curam gerere commorancium, modicam vel quasi nullam curasse obedientiam; quod non solum in ipsorum verum etiam et in nostri culpam redundat, et periculum non mediocriter formidandum . . . non puniri propria qui aliena puniendi sumus culpa, quam nisi solerter

[1] From MS. in 1731 belonging to the Duke of Rutland. [2] 1 Pet. ii. 18.

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precavimus vel regulariter correximus; nos igitur circa premissa prout multipliciter astringimur, de remedio volentes providere oportuno, vobis omnibus et singulis, tenore presentium, nuntiamus [1];

quod volumus et ordinamus, quatenus fratri Roberto de Gaddesby, concanonico nostro, quem, preexcepta mo || nasterii f. 36 b. nostri utilitate suadente, custodem prefate celle nostre deputamus, ac etiam cuicunque post ipsum ibidem custodi futuro, sitis in omnibus et per omnia vere obedientes, sicut, priori vestro claustrali (si in conventu essetis) juxta regulam nostram, privilegia apostolica, et Ordinis nostri instituta, esse tenemini; sub penis in eisdem contenta contrarium attemptantibus infligenda;

Omnes et singulas observantias regulares, quas, pro loci opportunitate et personarum paucitate, commode observare poteritis, diligenter observantes;

Nullicubi extra loca per ipsum custodem rationabiliter limitanda vos divertentes;

Nuncium, literas, vel quodlibet aliud munus nulli dantes sive mittentes; seu, a quoquam, sine ejusdem custodis debita licentia super hiis petita et obtenta, recipiatis.

Quod si quis contrarium attemptare presumpserit, tertioque commonitus se non emendaverit, damus dicto custodi per presentes potestatem specialem, talem ad nos remittendi, pro suis demeritis regulariter puniendum.

In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem, de consilio et consensu senioris et sanioris partis conventus nostri, has literas nostras fieri fecimus patentes, sigillo officii nostri consignatas.

Datum in domo nostra capitulari, anno Dni. etc. LXXIX.

330. The Abbot of Dale to John Grantham, Abbot of Croxton. **Undated: circa 1336.**

On the dispute about the abbacy.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 141).

[1] MS. has *innotescimus.*

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3 Jan., 1336 (?)

331. Claimants to the Abbacy of Croxton.

A letter from the Abbot of Dale about the three claimants to the abbacy of Croxton, William Sleford, John Covenham, and John Grantham.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 139.)

Undated: circa 1460.

332. Letter to the Abbot of Croxton.

William de Overton urges him to submit to the Visitation it is proposed to make.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 96.)

1475.

333. Names of the Community at Croxton.

IN MONASTERIO DE CROXTON.

A. fol. 5.

Dominus Johannes Arghum, abbas.
Frater Walterus Burton, prior.
„ Willelmus Hyrston, sub-prior.
„ Willelmus Swaby.
„ Thomas Lovwell, vicarius de Croxton.
„ Thomas Powmfrett.
„ Robertus Colston.
„ Ricardus Schypton.
„ Willelmus Grantham.
„ Thomas Kelyt, prior de Hornby.
„ Thomas Whythyr, vicarius de Tunstall.
„ Thomas Bradeton.

Frater Johannes Whetlay.
„ Rogerus Dewy.
„ Willelmus Mellyng.
„ Johannes Bescolby, circator.
„ Helias Scherwode.
„ Robertus Daukater, circator.
„ Robertus Brawton. } Diaconi.
„ Willelmus Coventre. } Diaconi.
„ Willelmus Notyngham. } Diaconi.
„ Johannes Newwarke. } Accoliti.
„ Ricardus Boston. } Accoliti.
„ Robertus Grantham. } Accoliti.
„ Johannes Bramston. } Accoliti.

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334. The Prior and Convent of Cockersand to the Abbot of Croxton. **Undated: prob. 1477.**

They announce the death of their abbot, William Lucas, and ask him as their 'father abbot' to take steps for the election of a successor.

[*A fragment only, and in places illegible.*]

(*See Vol. I., No.* 54.)

335. Election of the Abbot of Cockersand. **1477.**

Certification by the abbot of Croxton of the process of electing, confirming, and installing William Bowland as abbot of Cockersand in place of William Lucas, lately dead.

See Vol. I., No. 55.)

336. General Answers to the Questions of the Visitation. **1478.**

Cenobium de Crokesden, sive Croxton, **P. fol. 178. (Reg. Prem. f. 117 a.)**
in (comitatu Leicester et)
Diocesi Lincoln.
anno Domini M.C.LXII. anno Regni R. Henrici II. nono.
a Willielmo Portario, filio Ingenani Portarii de Lino, fundatum
in honore S. Johannis Evangeliste.
Abbas de Newhouse est pater abbas.
Filie ejus sunt Cenobia de Blanchland et Cokersand.
Cella ejus, Hornby.
Tres habet ecclesias.
Canonici sunt vicarii perpetui.
Dux de Northfolke est fundator (sive patronus).

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6 Aug., 1482. **337. Visitation of Croxton.**

Bishop Redman finds the house to be in an excellent state. The canons are to wear their cloaks in the monastery and especially in the refectory, infirmary, &c. The music is to be according to the books, every custom to the contrary being given up.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE CROXTON.

A. fol. 31 b. Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXXII., vi. die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc., visitavimus monasterium de Croxton, nostri dicti Ordinis; ubi comperimus honorabilem abbatem providum simul et discretum diligenter vigilantem[1] super gregem sibi accomodatum, eis semper prebentem[2] sanctitatis vite exemplum, cujus subditi fidelissimi sunt ei timore pariter et ferventi conjuncti amore, quibus eciam non tantum ministrat spiritualia, verum eciam corporis habundantissime prebet necessaria, et in reparacionibus quamplurimisque edificacionibus stallorum, cum toto ejusdem ecclesie tecto, et ceteris multis sumptuosissime indies suam non desistit exhibere diligenciam. Et nulla nostra reperiuntur correccione digna seu Capitulo generali referenda, sed omnia ad Dei laudem et Ordinis honestatem honorifice sunt tractata. Tamen priori et toto precipimus conventui, sub pena excommunicacionis
f. 32. || majoris, ne ullo modo sine suis capis appareant infra septa monasterii, nisi solummodo hiis qui hoc ex racione suorum officiorum nequiverint perimplere, aut interdum cum instat gravis labor. Et infra refectorium, firmariam, ante primam, aliisque omnibus locis et horis, firmiter, sub pena predicta, observari decrevimus presens per decretum. Alia attamen in minoribus observanciis comperimus a tramite nostre sacre religionis errancia que in melius reformari volumus, videlicet ut ad primam [et] completorium, preces et versiculi cantentur secundum usum nostre religionis, prout in libris plenius continetur, spretis omnino antiquis consuetudinibus hactenus contra

[1] In MS. *vigilans.* [2] In MS. *prebens.*

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ordinale habitis. Et status hujus monasterii habundantissime constat in possessione granorum et cunctarum segetum nec ullis obligatur debitis, sed pocius debentur. Datum etc.

338. Visitation. **1482.**

General answers and list of community.

CROXTON.

Dux de Northfolke est fundator. Abbas de Neuhouse est pater abbas: vi. habet ecclesias, quarum curati quidam sunt canonici et quidam seculares. Fundatum erat in honore sancti Johannis Evangeliste, anno Domini M°C°LXII°, anno regni regis Henrici secundi nono. A. fol. 21.

Dompnus Johannes Arghum, abbas.	Frater Willelmus Notyngham, cantor.
Frater Willelmus Harston, prior.	„ Johannes Newark.
„ Thomas Wyther, prior de Hornby.	„ Ricardus Boston, custos infirmorum.
„ Helyas Scherwod, supprior.	„ Robertus Grantham, sacrista.
„ Robertus Colston, capellanus.	„ Johannes Bramston, succentor.
„ Johannes Wecclaye.	„ Willelmus Colston.
„ Johannes Bescolby, cellerarius.	„ Willelmus Lynlay, subsacrista.
„ Robertus Doncaster, circator.	„ Thomas Lyndryk.
	„ Johannes Eyton.

Extra monasterium vii. sunt canonici preter predictos.

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1484. **339. Letter of Bishop Redman to the Abbots of Cockersand and Croxton.**

To cite a canon of Croxton to appear before him at Westminster within fifteen days.

[COKERSANDA ET CROXTON.]

A. fol. 30. Ricardus, permissione divina Assavensis episcopus, monasterii [Vallis] Magdalene de Schapp, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Karliolensis diocesis, rev[erendissimi in] Christo patris et domini domini Huberti, Dei et Sancte Sedis Apostolice [gratia] abbatis, tocius Anglie, Wallie, Scocie et Hibernie ejusdem Ordinis visitator generalis, legittime deputatus, venerabilibus in Christo confratribus [Croxton et] Cokersande abbatibus, nostri Premonstratensis Ordinis, Lincolniensis et Eboracensis dio[cesium, salutem] et mandatis nostris, ymmo domini Premonstratensis, firmiter obedire. Vobis conjunctim et divisim in virtute salutaris obediencie et sub aliis penis, nisi in hiis mandatis debita cum diligencia perseveretis, districtissime infligendis mandamus, quatinus citetis seu unus vestrum citet seu citari faciatis fratrem [Helyam] Shirwoyde, concanonicum de Croxton, custodem, sive priorem celle de Ho[rneby, et] (nos tenore presencium citamus) quod personaliter compareat coram nobis in dom[o nostra] Westmonasterii, infra quindecem dies post citacionem vestram fierifactam, seu in [alio] alioquin proximo die juridico, certis articulis sibi objiciendis responsurus, [et] recepturus quod justicia in hac parte suadebit, sub pena contemptus [infligendum] Et in premissis nos debite certificetis seu unus vestrum certificet, qui[d] in hac parte fuerit executus. Datum apud Westmonasterium sub sigillo nostro visitatorio, quinto die m[ensis . . . anno Domini] millesimo CCCC°LXXXIIII° et nostre consecracionis anno terciodecimo.

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340. Names of the Community. **1484.**

HEC SUNT NOMINA FRATRUM ET CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE CROXTON.

Dominus Johannes Arghum, abbas monasterii predicti.
Frater Wyllelmus Harston, prior.
„ Robertus Doncaster, supprior.
„ Robertus Grantham, circator.
„ Helyas Scherwhod, prior de Hornby.
„ Johannes Coventre, vicarius de Mellinge.
„ Wyllelmus Burton, vicarius de Tunstall.
„ Robertus Colston, subcellerarius.
„ Johannes Whyteley, canonicus de Hornby.
„ Wyllelmus Swarby, canonicus ejusdem.
„ Wyllelmus Mellinge, canonicus de cantaria.
„ Robertus Broghton, canonicus de alia cantaria.
Frater Thomas Pomfret, canonicus de cantaria. A. fol. 45 b.
„ Johannes Newarke, frater hospitalis.
„ Johannes Brownston, cantor.
„ Wyllelmus Lynley, sacrista.
„ Thomas Lyndryke.
„ Thomas Eynyngton.
„ Wyllelmus Downham.
„ Johannes Eton.
„ Thomas Croxton.
„ Johannes Bevere.
„ Thomas Kyrkby.
„ Edmundus Grene.
„ Broghton.
„ Johannes Bescolbe, vicarius de Croxton.
„ Wyllelmus Leycytyre. } Non professi.
„ Ricardus Schappa. } Non professi.
„ Henricus Loncaster. } Non professi.

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13 June, 1488. 341. Names of the Community and Visitation at Croxton.

Bishop Redman finds the house in an excellent state. He orders that the religious shall wear their cloaks except when at work; the feast of St. Margaret is henceforth to be kept as a double.

[NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE CROXTON.]

[*Part gone.*]

A. fol. 71.

Frater Johannes Coventre.	Sacerdotes.	Frater Thomas Lyndryke, cantor.	Sacerdotes.
„ Thomas Pomfret.		„ Johannes Eton.	
„ Johannes Whetley.		„ Thomas Croxton, custos infirmorum.	
„ Willelmus Burton, vicarius de Tunstall.		„ Thomas Hevyngton, custos refectorii.	
„ Johannes Bescolby, vicarius de Croxton.		„ Johannes Bever, succentor.	
„ Edmundus Grene, vicarius de Mellyng.		„ Thomas Kyrkby, sacrista.	
„ Robertus Dancaster, capellanus.		„ Willelmus Leycister.	Diaconi.
„ Johannes Newarke.		„ Ricardus Schappe.	
„ Johannes Brownston, custos hospicii.		„ Henricus Loncaster.	
„ Willelmus Lynlay, circator.		„ Willelmus Cros.	Novicii.
		„ Thomas Brown.	

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE CROXTON.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXVIII., xiii. die mensis Junii, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore dicti nostri monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Croxton, nostri dicti Ordinis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ibidemque comperimus prout eodem die in regula beati Augustini legebatur, unanimiter et concorditer viventes Dominum [in vobis] invicem devoteque honorantes, patrique eorun-

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dem amore pariter et timore inherentes;[1] quos eciam et ipse pater visceribus misericordie fovit et complectitur. Et omnia eisdem necessaria, ut verus pastor, fideliter ministrat, eo quod inter eos caritas est plena atque perfecta. Ordinavimus tamen et precipimus ut festum beate Margarete virginis, ut festum duplex, annuatim deinceps solempniter celebretur, sicut de una virgine et martyre. Et insuper mandavimus ut conventus capis canonicalibus infra precinctum monasterii, tam ad mensam quam extra, semper utantur, tempore laboris duntaxat excepto. Alia vero ad presens non comperimus reformanda. Sed omnia intus et extra, animalium, granorum, ceterarumque opum, prudentissima abbatis ejusdem providencia, magnifice ditantur habundancia, et multo plus eisdem debetur quam debent. Datum sub sigillo nostro visitatorio, anno etc.

342. Decree for Election of the Abbot of Croxton. **ante 10 Sept., 1491.**

John Swyft, abbot of Newhouse, as abbot of the mother house, appointed 10 *September for holding the election at Croxton, on the death of the last abbot, John Arghum. After the formalities Elias Attercliffe is chosen.*

(*See Vol. I., No.* 59.)

343. Election of Abbot of Croxton. **10 Sept., 1491.**

Letter of the abbot of Newhouse as to the choice 'per viam inspirationis' *of Elias Attercliffe in succession to John Arghum, who had died.*

Universis S. Matris Ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis, Johannes Swyfte, Dei patientia, abbas monasterii de Newhous, salutem et notitiam veritatis. P. fol. 179. (Reg. Prem. f. 125 b.)

Nuper vacante ecclesia filiali nostra de Croxton, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis, per mortem fratris nostri [Johannis Arghum] abbatis ejusdem; nos igitur, ne ipsa ecclesia,

[1] *Cf.* S. August. *Reg. ad Serv. Dei* (Migne, *Patrol. Lat.* xxxii. col. 1379; 1384).

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pastoris solatio destituta, in spiritualibus et temporalibus gravia pateretur dispendia, assignavimus dicte ecclesie fratribus sic vacantis diem electionis novi abbatis faciendi; viz. x. die mensis Septembris.

Quo die adveniente, omnes fratres de gremio prefate ecclesie unanimiter congregati in domo capitulari, Missa de Spiritu Sancto ante omnia, ut moris est, celebrata, lectoque Capitulo de novo abbate faciendo; invocata prius Spiritus Sancti gratia; tandem, favente Altissimo, per viam inspirationis ejusdem Spiritus Sancti, Heliam Atterclyffe, ejusdem ecclesie confratrem, virum utique providum et discretum, in spiritualibus et temporalibus laudabiliter circumspectum, vita et moribus plurimum commendandum, scientem etiam et volentem jura ecclesie sue tueri, nominaverunt, et nullo penitus discordante, concorditer elegerunt.

Nos vero, dicti electi consensu petito et primitus optento, dictam electionem et personam electam diligenter examinantes, prout decet, ipsum fratrem Heliam Atterclyffe, in abbatem et pastorem predicte ecclesie de Croxton, rite, ut premittitur, electum, ac electionem ejusdem canonice factam, in presentia reverendi in Christo patris et D. D. Ricardi, permissione divina, Assavensis
f. 179 b. episcopi, abbatis de Schappa, et visita || toris Ordinis Premonstratensis, totius Anglie, Wallie, Scotie et Hybernie; advocato insuper in hoc negotio confratre nostro magistro Thoma Balesby, in decretis baccalaurio, abbate de Barlyngs;

Secundum formam statutorum nostri Ordinis et privilegiorum, laudamus, approbamus, et tenore presentium confirmamus.

Quibus peractis, omnes una voce *Te Deum laudamus* cantaverunt: et ipsum electum, sic confirmatum, ut moris est, ad ecclesiam adduxerunt; quo quidem Psalmo decantato, ipsum electum, ut moris est nostri Ordinis, installavimus; et in possessionem dicte ecclesie induximus corporalem, campanas dicte ecclesie in manibus suis tradendo.

Et premissis omnibus sic rite peractis, et nobis ac omnibus dicte ecclesie fratribus ad Capitulum iterato reversis, surrexerunt

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omnes et singuli dicte ecclesie professi, et dicto electo, tunc per nos confirmato, obedientiam manualem fecerunt; tradito prius per nos sigillo administrationis sue.

Omnia premissa et singula, omnibus quorum interest vel interesse poterit, notificamus per presentes.

344. Visitation of Croxton. **12 Sept., 1491.**

Bishop Redman found the abbot dead, and presided over the election of a successor. One of the canons was found guilty of apostasy and punished. The new abbot charged to draw up a list of the monastery goods in three parts.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE CROXTONE.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI., xii. die mensis Septembris, **A. fol. 96.** Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum venerabili confratre nostro, magistro Thoma Belesby, abbate de Barlynge, visitavimus monasterium de Croxtone, nostri dicti Ordinis, Lyncolniensis diocesis; ubi dictam ecclesiam comperimus pastore esse destitutam. Sed in presencia nostra ibidem novus abbas est electus, Helias Aturclyff vocabulo dictus, vir utique providus et discretus in spiritualibus et temporalibus laudabiliter circumspectus. Comperimus insuper ibidem quendam fratrem Robertum Grantham apostatam, qui coram nobis vulnera scelerum [1] lacrimosa accusacione aperiens, misericordiam anxius implorabat, cui injunximus, secundum quod justicia exigit, xx^{ti} dies in carcere mancipari et totidem dies [2] gravioris culpe sustinere in pane et aqua; quam penam ad intercessionem fratrum venerabilium nostrorum de Neuhous, Barlynges, et predicti monasterii de Croxtone, ejus contricione et humilitate consideratis, discrecioni abbatis relinquimus, in parte vel in toto moderari, sive intermitti. Precipimus insuper domino abbati quatenus novum inventorium de omnibus jocalibus, rebus, animalibus, et ceteris monasterii bonis, in forma

[1] In MS. *vulnerum scelera.* [2] In MS. *diebus.*

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indenture tripartite, una patri abbati de Neuhous transmittenda, altera apud semetipsum, et tercia cum sigillo communi custodienda. Cetera non comperimus corrigenda, sed cetera omnia laudabili constant provisione existencia, nullis debitis, ut fertur, obligata. Datum etc.

1491. **345. Names of the Community.**

[*A portion only.*]

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE CROXTONE.

A. fol. 113 b.

Frater Willelmus Donam, prior.
„ Helias Hatersatage, prior de Hornby.
„ Johannes Branstone [? Brownston], supprior.
„ Willelmus Burton, vicarius de Tunstalle.
„ Thomas Pomfret.
„ Johannes Qwhytlay [Whatley].
„ Willelmus Harstone.
Frater Johannes Bescolby, vicarius de Croxtone.
„ Robertus Doncaster.
„ Robertus Broghtone.
„ Willelmus Lynley.
„ Thomas Lynrige.
„ Johannes Eytone.
„ Thomas Croxtone.
„ Edmundus Grene, vicarius de Mellynge.
„ Thomas Evyntone.

1 August, 1494. **346. Visitation of Croxton.**

The house is declared by Bishop Redman to be in an excellent state; the administration of the abbot much praised; certain canons who did not appear at the Chapter are declared suspended.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE CROXTONE.

A. fol. 126 b.

Anno Domini M^{mo}CCCC^{mo}LXXXXIIII., primo vero die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto nobis in Christo fratre nostro, Roberto Bedalle, canonico et professo nostri monasterii predicti, visitavimus monasterium de Croxtone,

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nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lyncolniensis diocesis; ubi omnia circa religionis observancias, divina officia et Ordinis instituta, comperimus inviolabiliter reflorere, cum continua caritate et dileccione mutua inter capud et membra, atque abbatis ejusdem discreta providencia universa penes exteriora existunt utiliter disposita, plus magis solito quam ante creacionis sue tempora, in tantum quod dictum monasterium in presenti visitacione nil debet, sed eidem multa debentur. Et super hec in omnibus jumentis, animalibus, ovibus, granis, atque universi generis pecudum habundantissime constat insuper stuffatum et provisum. Et omnes dicte ecclesie confratres a concione presenti instantis capituli absentes, et legitime citatos, diu exspectatos et non comparentes, discernimus contumaces, et in penam contumacie eorundem eciam discernimus suspensos etc. Datum sub sigillo etc.

347. Names of the Community. **1494.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE CROXTONE.

Dominus Helias Atturclyff.
Frater Thomas Havingtone, prior.
„ Johannes Bever, sup-prior.
„ Thomas Croxtone.
„ Thomas Kyrkby, cantor.
„ Willelmus Leysceter.
„ Ricardus Doker.
„ Thomas Browne, succentor.
„ Robertus Guddalle.
Frater Johannes Gryssingham, circator. A. fol. 119.
„ Georgius Yngylbe, diaconus.
„ Johannes Skevyntone, subdiaconus.
„ Ricardus Lyncolne.
„ Willelmus Lughtborow.
„ Thomas Pomfret, valde senex.
„ Johannes Whetley, capellanus.

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18 Sept., 1497. **348. Names of the Community and Visitation of Croxton.**

Bishop Redman expresses his joy at finding all well, and the house in an excellent state in spirituals and temporals. The size of the tonsure is the only thing to call attention to.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE CROXSTONE.

A. fol. 136.

Dominus Helias Atterclyffe, abbas.
Frater Thomas Evyngtone, prior.
,, Johannes Bever, supprior.
,, Edmundus Grene, prior de Hornby.
,, Willelmus Harstone, vicarius de Mellinge.
,, Thomas Pomfret.
,, Johannes Eytone.
,, Thomas Croxtone.
,, Thomas Kyrkby.
,, Willelmus Leyceter.
,, Ricardus Schappare.
,, Johannes Whetley, capellanus.
f. 136 b. ,, Thomas Browne, vicarius de Croxtone.
,, Robertus Goodalle, cellerarius.
Frater Johannes Gressingham, sacrista.
,, Georgius Yngilby, subsacrista.
,, Johannes Skevyngtone, cantor, diaconus.
,, Willelmus Loughburgh, diaconus.
,, Thomas Lenrihe, vicarius de Sproxtone.
,, Ricardus Lincolne, subdiaconus.
,, Ricardus Beverley } Novicii.
,, Johannes Cotum } Novicii.
,, Willelmus Lynley, vicarius de Tunstalle.
,, Johannes Praunce.
,, Willelmus Cros, licenciatus.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXVII., die vero mensis Septembris xviii., Nos Ricardus etc., prout supra, visitavimus monasterium de Croxtone, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ubi ibidem ex deposicionibus fratrum, exhilarato facti sumus animo, quia nil ibidem cepimus quoniam omnia ordinate intus

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et extra sunt disposita. Et licet vulgariter hec auribus nostris essent intimata, tamen in adventu nostro plus ad oculum vidimus quam relatu premissorum audivimus. Attamen quasdam observancias, tonsuramque fratrum, quas coram fratribus in Capitulo replicamus,[1] precipimus reformari, sub pena contemptus. Et quid de debitis moror aliquid inserere, cum plura debentur eidem monasterio quam debet? In animalibus et granis universi generis ceteris supereminet nostri Ordinis monasteriis. Data sub sigillo etc.

349. Names of Community and Visitation. **1 Nov., 1500.**

Bishop Redman again praises the house and the abbot's administration. The abbot has built or repaired the church and Lady chapel; he has recovered revenues which were thought to be lost.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE CROXTONE.

Dominus Elias Atturclyf, abbas.
Frater Thomas Evyngtone, prior.
„ Johannes Bever, supprior.
„ Edmundus Grene, prior de Hornby.
„ Johannes Whetley, capellanus.
„ Willelmus Harstone.
„ Willelmus Lynley, vicarius de Tunstalle.
„ Thomas Lenryge, vicarius de Sproxtone.
„ Johannes Etone, apud Hornby.
Frater Thomas Croxtone, custos infirmorum. A. fol. 153 b.
„ Thomas Kyrkby, sacrista.
„ Willelmus Leyceter.
„ Ricardus Doker, vicarius de Mellynge.
„ Willelmus Cross, licenciatus.
„ Thomas Browne, vicarius de Croxtone.
„ Robertus Godealle, cellerarius.
„ Johannes Gryssingham, emissus.

[1] In MS. *replicavi*.

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Frater	Georgius Yngilby, circator.	Frater	Willelmus Angelle, succentor.
,,	Ricardus Lyncolne, refectorarius.	,,	Johannes Kybworth.
,,	Willelmus Lughborouth, ad cantariam.	,,	Willelmus Ede.
,,	Ricardus Beverley, subsacrista.	,,	Willelmus Germone.
,,	Johannes Cotam, cantor.	,,	Hugo Kynder.
		,,	Johannes Newark.
		,,	Johannes Fyppe.
		,,	Willelmus Page.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini M.V^c^., primo die mensis Novembris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto nobis in Christo fratre, Roberto Bedalle, canonico et sacerdote nostri monasterii de Schappare, visitavimus monasterium de Croxtone, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ubi venerabilem circa suos et sua intus et extra comperimus prelatum, quicquid quod necessarium est fratribus, ministrantem, qui ecclesiam cum capella Beate Marie mirabiliter erexit et reparavit, opus cunctis enim aspicientibus valde laudandum, omnique laude inperpetuum memoria commendandum, cujus sagaci providencia diversos dicte ecclesie proventus ante multa sue creacionis tempora alienatos et quasi perditos feliciter reduxit. Et nullis dicta ecclesia oneratur debitis. In granis et animalibus aliisque omnimodis necessariis ditissime provisa. Data sub sigillo nostro visitatorio, etc.

XII. DALE *or* STANLEY PARK.

THE abbey of Dale, in the county of Derby and the diocese of Coventry and Lichfield, was founded in A.D. 1204 from Newhouse. The following list of abbots, mostly taken from MS. Cott. Vesp. E. xxvi. f. 173, is printed in the *Monasticon*, vi. 897.

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1199–1230.	Walter de Senteney, 'sancte recordationis.'
1230–1233.	William, 'vir totius prudentiæ'; was abbot of Prémontré 1233–1236.
1233–1251.	John Graunforth, 'Deo et hominibus amabilis.'
1251–1265.	Hugh de Lincoln.
1265–1270.	Simon.
1270–1287.	Lawrence.
1287–1295.	Richard de Normanton, 'delapidator.'
1295–1301.	John de Lincoln.
1301–1304.	Richard de Normanton (a second time).
1310 (oc.).	William (Nos. 3, 350).
1310–1332.	John Horsley (resigned, 'senio confectus').
1332.	John Wedhouse[1] (No. 353).
1332–1353.	William Horsley (No. 353).
1353–1355.	Roger de Kyrketon.
1355–1397.	William de Boney.
1397–1436.	Henry Monyaske.
1436–1469.	John Spondon.
1469–1491.	John Stanley (No. 65).
1491–1510.	Richard Notyngham *ibid.*, Woll. Ch. I. 78).
1516 *c.*	John Stanton (last abbot).

350. Letter of Brother Robert of Derby to L[awrence], late Abbot of Dale. **Ante 1237.**

Written in behalf of Br. Edmund Pouche, a repentant apostate.

Reverendo patri suo in Christo ac ampliori honore nunc quam prius excolendo teneri, fratri L. quondam presidenti de Dala, suus filius, si placet, nunc ut prius, per omnia et in omnibus, frater Robertus de Derbi, quicquid honoris et reverentie optari poterit tanto patri, cum salute. **P. fol. 2. (Reg. Prem. f. 30 b.)**

[1] In this list John Woodhouse is said to have ruled only fifteen weeks. By a document of 1343 he seems to have been still the abbot.

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Pater reverende, in sacrarum Scripturarum cathalogo digestum est et exaratum, quod judicium durissimum in hiis qui presunt fiet, maxime de hiis qui magis appetunt preesse quam prodesse. Et e contra scriptum est, quod qui bene presunt, duplici honore sunt.

Propterea, si conscientia vestra suadente cessionem vestram gratis procurastis, et virgam humeri pastoralis et scriptum exactoris vite secularis superastis, vobis congaudens gaudeo, set et semper gaudebo in Domino quod non hoc vestrum erat consilium, set a Spiritu Sancto. Licet enim Martha partem solicitudinis commendatam a Christo promeruit, tamen Maria optimam partem elegit.

Set et nunc scio vere quam potens poteritis, maxime in hiis que sunt ad reparationem lapsorum vestre religionis, pro fugitivo famulo vestro et fratre converso, fratre Edmundo Pouche (quem errantem inveni longe a Deo in religione dissimilitudinis, postposita salute utriusque sui hominis; [et] quem Deus per me deduxit in agnitionem sui ut apprehendat viam salutis), genibus vestre paternitatis provolutus vestram paternitatem et summam caritatem dignam duxi devotius deprecandam, quatenus misericordia moti, in eum sicut fecit pater in filium prodigum suum, reg[ressum] suum procuretis, statum suum scismaticum reformetis, et eo solicitius, si placet, partes vestras interponatis quo ipsum vestris temporibus a vobis apostatasse cognoscitis; ut si quod in
f. 2 b. vobis (quod ab || sit) superhabundavit rigor erga delictum,[1] superhabundet nunc et gratia. Judicium enim ei sine misericordia, qui non facit misericordiam.

Quod, si abbas et conventus non decreverint ipsum ad pristinum statum suum, cum penitentia, secundum exigentiam culparum suarum[2] restituere, hoc saltem ex superhabundanti rogo (quod secundum omnia jura sibi negare non poteritis) quod literas dimissorias ad transeundum, vel ad alium domum vestre professionis, vel ad fruges vite arctioris, eidem ab eisdem, pro sua et omnium vestrum salute, procuretis.

[1] In MS. *erga rigoris delictum.* [2] In MS. *suam.*

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Ceterum, inveni hominem in desertis locis secundum cor meum (viz. Dominum abbatem de Kokyrsond); qui mihi multa exhibuit, et ob gratiam vestri, cujus me dicebam habere notitiam habundantiorem; cui, si placet, pro me vestras per literas assurgatis ad immensas gratiarum actiones.

De statu vestro prospero votis omnibus opto audire prospera; quod et fiet, ut spero, cum prescriptori dederitis mihi vestra gratiosa responsa. De me, filio et fratre vestro, noveritis quod bene valeo, pro modulo meo. Melius tamen valerem si ad libitum vestro presenti et desiderato colloquio possem satiari. Valete.

351. General Appeal of William, Abbot of Dale, to the Holy See for protection. 1310 (?)

In Dei nomine, Amen. Cum nos frater Willelmus, permissione divina, abbas monasterii de Dala, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Coventrie et Lichfeldie diocesis, fuerim et sum, mandatis et monitis licitis et honestis cujuscunque superioris nostri, ac statutis et consuetudinibus Ordinis supradicti, cum omni reverentia et diligentia qua decet (preterquam in casibus, metum mortis verisimilis seu bonorum monasterii nostri temporalium confiscationem, inducentibus) obedire parati; P. fol. 1. (Reg. Prem. f. 65 a.)

metuentes tamen, ex quibusdam causis probabilibus et verisimilibus conjecturis, nobis et monasterio nostro predicto grave posse prejudicium generari in futurum; ne quis in alterius nostrum prejudicium quicquam attemptet seu attemptari id faciat, per se, alium vel alios, qualicunque auctoritate seu mandato vel quocunque alio modo gravando;

ad Sedem Apostolicam, et pro tuitione ad curiam Cantuarie, in hiis scriptis provoco et appello; et Apostolos (quatenus qualitas et natura hujus provocationis et appellationis requirunt) peto, et iterum peto, et tertio jure; beneficio addendi et diminuendi in omnibus semper salvo: subjiciendo personam nostram, monasterium

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nostrum predictum, ac omnes nobis in hac parte adherere volentes, protectioni et tuitioni sedis et curie predictarum.

30 Sept., 1316 (?)

352. Abbot of Barlings to Abbot of Dale.

He begs him to attend a meeting to be held at Welbeck on October 4.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 137.)

14 Aug., 1332.

353. Election of William de Horsley as Abbot of Dale.

The late abbot John de Wodhouse resigned and the election was held by a representative of the abbot of Newhouse. The community made choice of five of their number to elect.

P. fol. 3. (Reg. Prem. f. 31.)

Universis Sancte Matris Ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis, frater Willelmus, humilis abbas ecclesie de L. vicesque gerens reverendi patris ac D. D. Johannis D. g. Premonstratensis abbatis, et in hac parte ejus plenitudinem habens potestatis, salutem et notitiam veritatis.

Cum, nuper vacante ecclesia de Dala, per cessionem voluntariam fratris Johannis de Wodhous, nuper dicte ecclesie abbatis; ne ipsa ecclesia viduitatis diutius pateretur incommoda, nos (venerabilis patris D. abbatis de Newhous, hujus ecclesie abbatis vices gerentes in hac parte), assignaverimus priori et fratribus dicte ecclesie sic vacantis diem electionis novi abbatis faciende, viz. quartum decimum diem mensis Augusti: decernentes fratres absentes (si qui essent, et commode in negotio electionis supradicte interesse possent) ad dictos diem et locum sollicite esse vocandos.

Quo quidem die veniente, et Missa de Spiritu Sancto (prout moris est) celebrata; nobisque, una cum D. abbate de Hales in presenti negotio nobis assistente, ac omnibus fratribus dicte ecclesie, in domo capitulari ipsius, existentibus: monuimus, ut omnes et singuli excommunicati, suspensi, vel interdicti (si qui essent) capitulum exirent et recederent, alios libere eligere permittentes; protestando expresse, quod non fuit intentionis nostre, seu

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fratrum ecclesie supradicte, in presentia talium ad electionem novi abbatis procedere quoquomodo; lectoque capitulo statutorum nostri Ordinis de novo abbate faciendo; invocata prius Spiritus Sancti gratia; tandem placuit omnibus et singulis, eidem ecclesie de pastore futuro, per viam compromissi providere.

Omnes (igitur) unanimiter dederunt Waltero de Thikhill, priori; Thome de Tikhil, suppriori; Roberto de Barton, Symoni de Bredon, et || Willelmo de Horslaye, dicte ecclesie canonicis, f. 3 b. plenam, generalem, et liberam potestatem, ac mandatum speciale, per certum tempus eis assignatum duraturum, eligendi novum abbatem, de seipsis, aut aliis ipsius ecclesie fratribus, seu de gremio alterius ecclesie cujuscunque nostri Ordinis, prout eis et ecclesie sue magis expediens videretur, ac ipsi ecclesie de novo pastore providendi; ita tamen, quod, postquam concordes de persona essent eligenda, unus ipsorum, de mandato aliorum, vice sua et ipsorum ac totius capituli, personam illam eligeret in communi, et provideret dicte ecclesie de eadem; promiseruntque universi et singuli, quod ipsum recipient in abbatem et pastorem, quem ipsi duxerint eligendum.

Dicti vero compromissarii potestatem eis traditam acceptantes, et in partem (ab aliis separatam) postmodum cedentes, post diversos tractatus multiplicum personarum; remoto demum ab eorum tractatu dicto compromissario suo fratre Willielmo de Horslaye; de persona sua diligenter tractantes: divina tandem favente gratia, in ipsum fratrem Willielmum (virum utique providum, in spiritualibus et temporalibus plurimum circumspectum) vota sua direxerunt.

Unde ipsis, eodem die ante horam sibi assignatam, consentientibus, frater Thomas de Tikhill, unus compromissariorum predictorum, vice sua et dictorum compromissariorum collegarum suorum, de mandato ipsorum; vice etiam totius conventus ipsius ecclesie, presentibus omnibus in capitulo qui debuerunt interesse, predictum fratrem Willelmum, in patrem et pastorem ecclesie supradicte elegit et providit de eodem: Nobis quoque (vice qua prius) humiliter supplicavit, ut dictam electionem, sic rite, legitime et canonice

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factam, et electum, auctoritate paterna nobis in hac parte commissa, ratificare, approbare, et confirmare dignaremur.

Nos vero, ipsius electi consensu petito et optento, dictam electionem et personam electam diligenter examinantes, nulloque
f. 4. ‖ vitio in eis invento, ipsum fratrem Willielmum de Horsleye, in patrem et pastorem dicte ecclesie de Dala, rite, ut premittitur, electum, ac electionem ejusdem canonice factam, de consilio et assensu venerabilis fratris abbatis supradicti, secundum formam statutorum nostri Ordinis et privilegiorum, laudavimus, approbavimus, et confirmavimus, ut decebat; peractisque omnibus que ad electionem et confirmationem pertinebant, fratres ipsius ecclesie ipsas electionem et confirmationem sic rite celebratas, gratas habentes et acceptas, *Te Deum laudamus* solempniter decantarunt.

Quo quidem decantato, ipsum electum in possessionem dicte ecclesie regiminis, cordas campanarum eidem manibus tradendo, induximus corporalem; ipsum in stallo abbatis deputato, more nostri Ordinis, installantes.

Quibus sic peractis, et nobis et dicte ecclesie fratribus ad capitulum iterato reversis, surrexerunt omnes et singuli dicte ecclesie professi, et suo electo sic per nos confirmato (sigilloque administrationis sui officii per nos sibi tradito) obedientiam fecerunt manualem.

Que omnia et singula premissa, omnibus quorum interest vel interesse poterit, notificavimus per presentes.

In cujus rei testimonium, sigillum nostrum, una cum sigillo venerabilis fratris abbatis de Hales predicti, ac sigillo communi ecclesie de Dala supradicte, presentibus est appensum.

Datum in ecclesia de Dala supradicta, nonodecimo Kalendas Septembris, anno Domini M. CCC. XXXII.

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354. John, Abbot of Dale, and his Convent, to the Abbot of Prémontré. 1343 (?)

Brother Michael, a canon of Candida Casa, has been sent by orders from Prémontré to their house. On account of its poverty they beg he may be sent elsewhere.

Sanctissimo in Christo patri, ac domino reverendo, D. Johanni, D. g. abbati Premonstrati, sui filii humiles et devoti frater J. de Dala minister et ejusdem loci conventus cum subjectione filiali, obedientiam, reverentiam, et honorem tanto patri digne debitas. P. fol. 144. (Reg. Prem. f. 73 a.)

Licet, pater sanctissime, ecclesiam vestram de Dala nuper de quodam hospite, ad devotas preces nostras, benigne ac gratiose vestra benevolentia paterna exoneravit; vestram tamen si placet, non moveat clementiam filiorum vestrorum supplicatio repetita:

Sane cum ecclesia nostra multimodis incommodis indesinenter concutiatur, utpote debitis alienis et (quod ultra modum formidandus) annone defectum, qui, propter siccitatem in hoc anno, in partibus nostris inesse dinoscitur; quod vix facultates nostre propriis professis nostris sufficere creduntur:

Unde vestre sanctitatis preeminentiam (que nunquam suis subditis patrocinium suum denegavit) unanimi assensu, cordibus contritis et humiliatis, precibus pulsamus devotissimis, quatenus de fratre Michaele Candide Case canonico, ad ecclesiam nostram, per vestras sanctitatis literas emisso (de cujus statu ordinationem vobis, pater sanctissime, a Capitulo generali proximo futuro, reservastis; quod tunc inibi de ipso ordinare decreverit vestra clementia) mitti, si placet, Londini; ad exonerationem ecclesie vestre ac filiorum vestrorum de Dala; una cum sanctis || viris vobis f. 144 b. assidentibus, in presenti ordinare dignetur vestre sanctitatis excellentia. Credimus enim, quod, in vobis et illis, totius Capituli generalis tota lex pendet et prophete.

Unde, si ad statum nostrum oculos misericordes vestra sanctitas in hac parte gratiose filiis vestris favendo dignetur aperire, nos a multimodis quibus subjacere timemus incommodis, paterna pietate liberare possitis.

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Ante 25 Oct., 1474.

355. Visitation of Dale.

Bishop Redman sends notice of his intention to make his canonical visitation.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 98.)

6 June, 1475.

356. Names of the Community of Dale.

IN MONASTERIO DE DALE.

A. fol. 5.

Dominus Johannes Stanley, abbas.
Frater Ricardus Draykott, prior.
Nicholaus Grentham, supprior.
Ricardus Notingham, vicarius de Ilkeston.
Johannes Monyasche, vicarius de Halam.
Ricardus Bredun, subcellerarius.
Johannes Grene, capellanus de Stanton.
Ricardus Notingham, cantor.
Willelmus Blakburn, circator.
Johannes York, *alias* Wytton.
Thomas Stanley, sacrista.
Willelmus Langley, solacium sacriste.
Johannes Wghtybrygh.
Willelmus Lammas.
Ricardus Blackwall } novicii.
Henricus Haukeslowe } novicii.

1478.

357. General Answers to the Visitation Questions.

P. fol. 5. (Reg. Prem. f. 117 a.)

Cenobium de Dala sive de Parco Stanley,
in [comitatu Derbie, et]
diocesi Coventrie et Lichfeldie;
anno Domini M. CC. IIII.

a Galfrido de Salicosa Mara et Matilda uxore ejus fundatum est;

in honore B. Marie Virginis ad festum Assumptionis.

Abbas de Newhous est pater abbas.

Quatuor habet ecclesias;

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quarum canonici sunt perpetuo instituti.
Unam habet cantariam.
Ricardus Kurston fundator est sive [patronus].

358. Visitation of Dale. **23 May, 1478.**

Nothing found blameworthy, but good fame charity and peace in all. Certain prayers and devotions in choir, introduced contrary to the customs of the Order, forbidden; regulations for various feasts and functions and for observance of silence at statutory times: also for observance of certain ceremonies; also abbot is ordered to provide suitable food and drink so as to avoid cause for grumbling. Arranged for the return of Br. John Sandours, canon of Hales Owen, after 80 *days.*

VISITACIO DE DALE.

Anno Domini M° CCCCLXXVIII.°, mensis Maii die xxiii., Nos A. fol. 11.
Ricardus etc., visitavimus monasterium de Dale, nostri dicti Ordinis, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis, de corrigendis et per nos reformandis omnimodo diligenter inquirentes; ubi comperimus bonam famam, caritatem et pacem, in capite et membris, et nulla criminosa per nos aut generale Capitulum corrigenda. De quibusdam orationibus et devocionibus usitatis in choro, contra formam et fundamentum nostre religionis, videlicet *Patris sapiencia*, hora prima, *Crucifige*, inhibicionem fecimus et interdicimus; etiam *Veni Creator*, in missa beate Marie, quia perturbant chorum et ordinalis effectum et ritus ecclesie Premonstratensis exterminant. Mandamus eciam, presens per decretum, ut responsoria, versus ad primam, et horas in festo Corporis Christi et per octavam cantentur cum *Alleluia*, sicut in Paschali tempore; et pro secura custodia silencii in locis deputatis, et pro meliori modo inclinacionum suarum profunde usque ad genua, et de dissolucione post Completorium evitanda, sub penis statutorum delinquentibus imponendis: et venerabilem confratrem nostrum abbatem exhortati sumus, et

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merito sancte obediencie obligamus, ut premissa fideliter conserventur et secundum facultatem ecclesie subditis suis provideat de competenti pane et potu et solucione pensionum suorum, ne in defectu victus congrui et honesti murmurare censentur; Et fratrem Johannem Sandours, canonicum de Hales, ad istud monasterium emissum, post octoginta dies immediate sequentes adventum dicti Johannis exoneratum de eo sit dictum monasterium et ad suum proprium revertatur. In ultima visitacione debuit dictum monasterium x. li., modo vero [*blank*]. In frugibus et aliis necessariis pro victu religiosorum sufficiencia contentatur laudabili provisione abbatis, et edificiis claustri noviter incepti, sua circumspecta providencia, graciose relevatur. Datum etc.

1478. **359. Names of the Community.**

MONASTERIUM DE DALE.

A. fol. 18. Ricardus Kyffton, armiger, fundator est dicti monasterii. Abbas de Neuhouse est pater abbas: iiii^or habet ecclesias, quarum canonici sunt perpetuo instituti, et unam cantariam. Fundatum erat dictum monasterium in honore beate Marie virginis ad festum Assumpcionis, anno Domini M^o CC^mo quarto.

f. 18 b.

Dompnus Johannes Stanley, abbas.	Frater Ricardus Bredon, cellerarius.
Frater Willelmus Blakburne, supprior.	„ Johannes Grene, capellanus de Stanton.
„ Ricardus Notingham, vicarius de Ilkeston.	„ Ricardus Notyngham, circator.
„ Johannes Monyasche, vicarius de Halam.	„ Johannes Yorke.
„ Johannes Myddylton, vicarius de Henour.[1]	„ Willelmus Langeley, cantor et sacrista.
	„ Thomas Stanley.

[1] *I.e.* Heanor, Derby, seven miles from Belper.

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Frater Ricardus Blakwall.
,, Henricus Hakeslow, succentor.
,, Robertus Astun, custos infirmatorii.
Frater Edwardus Hamton, subsacrista.
,, Willelmus Lammas, sine voce et stallo.

360. Visitation of Dale. **16 July, 1482.**

Bishop Redman finds all things well, and praises the abbot's administration. One canon had apostatised, but had been induced to return by the abbot, who after due satisfaction had restored him to his place in the Order: this the visitor approves. The building of the cloister has progressed, and the abbot contemplates other additions.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE DALE.

Anno Domini M° CCCCLXXXII., xvi. die mensis Julii, Nos Ricardus etc., visitavimus monasterium de Dale, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis, Coventrensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis; ubi comperimus quod quidam frater Johannes Yorke, instigantis antiqui hostis fallacia, a suo monasterio in apostasiam nuper subterfugiendo abscessit. Sed, cum ex laudabili abbatis circumspeccione, ad monasterium iterum reductus fuisset, suam devotissime ac flebiliter subegit penitenciam; qua prorsus peracta per proprium suum prelatum, nostra auctoritate in hac parte sibi commissa, ad pristinum restitutus est gradum. Quod quidem factum, secundum quod jus nostre religionis exigit, actum satis probavimus et ratificavimus. Ludos insuper quoscumque prohibemus per professos dicti monasterii aliqualiter excercendos, pro turpi lucro pecuniarum, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris. Districtissime insuper mandando precipimus ut fratres divinum servicium pure, distincte, ac moderate celebrent et percantent, et non festinanter, ut nostram voluerint evadere indignacionem et Ordinis disciplinam. Quoad statum hujus monasterii, tam in spiritualibus quam in tempora- A. fol. 27.

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libus, gracia divina, et ex honorabili abbatis circumspecta gubernacione, sufficienter et habundanter reficiuntur Christi pauperculi; nec ullis obligatur debitis, sed plus ei debetur, xvii. li., quam alias debet: in frugibus et aliis necessariis peroptime exstat provisum. Necnon etiam quamplurimis edificiis omnimodis laudibus ab omnibus habendis, presertim videlicet novi claustri, ferme per circuitum edificati, et multarum reparacionum aliarum, quibus ad huc majora studuit construe[re] edificia. Datum, etc.

1482. **361. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM ET CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE DALE.

A. fol. 44 b.

Frater Ricardus Notingham, supprior.
„ Ricardus Notingham, vicarius de Ilkeston.
„ Johannes Moniasche, vicarius de Halne.[1]
„ Ricardus Bredan.
„ Johannes Grene, presbiter de Stanton.
„ Wyllelmus Blakborne.
„ Wyllelmus Lammas.
„ Johannes Yorke.

Frater Thomas Stanley, circator et sacrista.
„ Henricus Hakeslowe, cantor.
„ Wyllelmus Langley, cellerarius.
„ Ricardus Blakwall, succentor.
„ Robertus Aston.
„ Edwardus Hampton, subsacrista.

19 March, 1482. **362. Admission of Br. W. Blakborn to serve a Chantry.**

Bishop Redman gives permission in the name of the abbot of Prémontré.

P. fol. 6. (Reg. Prem f. 1 a.)

Ricardus permissione divina Assavensis episcopus, ac abbas monasterii B. Marie Magdalene de Shappa, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Karliolensis diocesis, reverendissimi in Christo patris et

[1] *I.e.* Halam.

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D. D. Huberti, Dei et S. Sedis Apostolice gratia, Premonstratensis abbatis, in regnis, circariis, et omnibus partibus Anglie, Wallie, Scotie, et Hibernie, commissarius generalis, plenissima potestate legitime deputatus; dilecto nobis in Christo filio fratri Willielmo Blakborn, canonico monasterii de Dala, salutem in Eo sine quo salus non est.

Ad capellam liberam et cantariam de [Stanton] te, auctoritate domini Premonstratensis, admittimus, et, ad instantiam tui proprii prelati, licentiam liberam recipiendi, per presentes concedimus. Proviso semper quod teipsum conserves in habitu nostre religionis, et in honestatis vita et fama; ac te subjicias Ordini tuo et regulari discipline.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commissionale duximus apponendum.

Datum apud Welbek, xix. mensis Martii, anno Domini M. CCCC. LXXXII.

336. Visitation of Dale. **20 May, 1488.**

One canon found guilty of disobedience and ordered severe punishment, which at the intercession of abbot and convent is suspended in view of possible emendation; attention to silence is ordered; all canons to confess to their superior thrice a year. The house in a good state and administration excellent.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE DALLE NOSTRI ORDINIS.

Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXXVIII., xx. die mensis Maii, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum fratre nostro, Roberto Bedall, priore et canonico dicti nostri monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Dalle, nostri dicti Ordinis; ubi comperimus fratrem Ricardum Blakwall de vicio inobediencie et manifeste rebellionis contra prelatum et suum priorem sepius detectum, et multis enormibus aliis et excessibus impetitus, de quibus nullo modo se potuit purgare, sed magis inde se confessus est reum esse. Quare A. fol. 68.

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decrevimus eum monasterio de Alnwike fore emittendum, in pena gravioris culpe xl. dierum, ibidem morari per decennium; sed stimulo penitentie tactus et in lacrimis totus resolutus, melioris vite conversacionem promittens, ad intercessionem proprii sui prelati et fratrum ejus, predictas emissionem et penas, usque ad Nativitatem sancti Johannis Baptiste proxime futuram, ex bona sua interim conversacione continuavimus. Quod si interim aliter quam spopondit contrafecerit, tunc domino abbati in mandatis dedimus, sub pena contemptus, ut predictum Ricardum in carcerem recludat donec alias a nobis in mandatis habuerit. Injunximus eciam cunctis fratribus ut, pena statuti sine remissione aliqua injungenda, in iiii^or^ locis debitis silencium custodiant, et ut sine tunica, caligis et zona jacere non presumant. Precipimus insuper omnibus confratribus dicti monasterii quatinus, secundum statuta nostri Ordinis, tam infra quam extra existentibus, ut prelato suo ter in anno peccata sua confiteantur, licet alias ex papalis indulgencie privilegio habuerint. Et nec aliquid emant seu vendant, nisi quod eis ab abbate injunctum fuerit, necessitate vestimentorum
f. 68 b. excepta, sub pena proprietariis assignata. || Injunximus eciam omnibus curatis dicti monasterii ut secundum quantitatem et ratum beneficiorum suorum, tociens solvant decimam, quociens conceditur, ac eciam et ut ipsi ter in anno, ut predicitur, prelato confiteantur. Plura ad presens non habemus corrigenda seu reformanda, sed sunt per abbatis providam discrecionem et fratrum laudabilem conversacionem honorifice tractata et gubernata. Et multominus debent quam eis debetur; frugibus, animalibus, ceterisque necessariis domus sufficienter exstat dictum monasterium provisum. Datum sub sigillo etc.

1488. **364. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII BEATE MARIE DE DALLE.

A. fol. 68. Dominus Johannes Staynley, abbas. Frater Thomas Staynley, prior.

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Frater Robertus Aston, suprior.	Sacerdotes.
,, Ricardus Nothyngham, vicarius de Ylkeston.	Sacerdotes.
,, Johannes Monyasch, vicarius de Halom.	Sacerdotes.
,, Ricardus Nothingham, vicarius de Henour.	Sacerdotes.
,, Ricardus Bredon, presbiter de Stanton.	Sacerdotes.
Frater Johannes Yorke, capellanus abbatis.	Sacerdotes.
,, Willelmus Lammas, cantor.	Sacerdotes.
,, Willelmus Langley, cellerarius.	Sacerdotes.
,, Ricardus Blakkewall.	Sacerdotes.
,, Edwardus Hampton, succentor.	Sacerdotes.
,, Radulphus Stanton, sacrista.	Novicii.
,, Robertus Brownlowe, subsacrista.	Novicii.

365. Visitation of Dale.

22 August, 1491.

A canon of Coverham was at Dale for punishment; another had been placed last and deprived of his vote and stall. Canons are not to play games for money; not to keep dogs; not to eat in any house near the monastery. Bishop Redman finds observance and discipline suffering from the impotency of the abbot. Some of the treasures of the house have been pledged.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE DALE.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXI., xxii. die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto nobis in Christo fratre, Roberto Bedall, canonico nostri dicti monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Dale, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis; ubi Willelmum Gyll, canonicum de Coverham, suis demeritis exigentibus ad predictum monasterium emissum, quem ibidem usque ad proximum generale Capitulum duximus permansurum, dignam ejusdem penam et culpam, ad intercessionem abbatis de Dale et omnium fratrum ejusdem, sub spe melioris conversacionis continuavimus. A. fol. 93 b.

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Insuper ibidem comperimus quendam fratrem Willelmum Lytylport, pro suis demeritis emissum, et in emissione sua ibidem necligenter et irreligiose conversantem, quem ad monasterium de Beucheff, precipimus domino abbati infra iiii^or^ dies fore emittendum et transmittendum, usque eciam ad nostrum proximum provinciale Capitulum. Willelmum[1] Blackwall [pro sua] enormi rebellionis[2] conversacione, ultimum reperimus in conventu, voce et stallo privatum, quem eciam, precibus supplicancium superatus, ad premissa usque tempus superius limitatum, ex bona sua conversacione restituimus. Precipientes eidem Ricardo et omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus, sub pena excommunicacionis, ut deinceps canes, neque caniculos habeant; et si quos habent a monasterio antequam recessimus amoveant; nec sub eadem pena aliquem ludum excerceant pro turpi lucro; aut in domibus secularium edant aut commedant, infra unam leugam a monasterio, ut infamia inde suborta prorsus extinguetur, sive reticetur, nec ad hoc abbas quovismodo precipimus ut licensiet. Ibidem eciam oculariter conspeximus quod propter imbecillitatem et impotenciam abbatis, regulares observancie evanescunt nostre religionis, quare domino abbati in mandatis, districte, in virtute salutaris obediencie dedimus, quatenus silencium iiii^or^ locis debitis, sub pena statuti sine remissione remittendum, observetur, et divinum servicium devocius cantetur cum ceteris regularibus observanciis Ordinis nostri, professis debitis et consuetis. Quidam inibi generosus Laurencius Lowe, vulgariter nuncupatus, coram nobis est testatus quod a prefato abbate quedam jocalia dicti monasterii mutuavit, que infra festum Assumpcionis beate Marie proxime futurum, manibus nostris sponte est obligatus, aliqua sine dilacione restiturus, alioquin indentura hinc et inde confecta totalem summam duplicabit. Precipimus eciam omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, ne ad seculares personas cujuscunque status laborent ut per eos officia

[1] This is a mistake for 'Ricardum.' [2] MS. has *dispositionis*.

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sive beneficia consequi valeant, nec secreta presentis capituli aliquibus personis revelent, sub pena contemptus. Status hujus monasterii est talis: debet vi. ti., et debetur eidem xx. ti: in frumento nisi ex provisione; sed in ceteris animalibus et granis satis sufficienter stuffatum. Datum etc.

366. Names of the Community. **1491.**

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE DALLE.

Dominus Johannes Staynley, abbas.
Frater Willelmus Blakborne, prior.
,, Edwardus Hamptone, supprior.
,, Willelmus Lammas, cantor.
,, Johannes Yorke, capellanus.
,, Thomas Staynley, magister noviciorum.
,, Robertus Astone, cellerarius.
,, Radulphus Makarelle, sacrista, diaconus.
Frater Ricardus Blakwalle. **A. fol. 112 b.**
,, Johannes Bebe, novicius.
,, Georgius Sleygh, novicius.
,, Georgius Litilport, canonicus de Westderham.
,, Willelmus Gylle, canonicus de Coverham.
,, Ricardus Nothingham, vicarius de Ilkestone.
,, Johannes Monyasche, vicarius de Halum.
,, Ricardus Nothingham, vicarius de Henore.
,, Ricardus Bredone, capellanus de Stantone.

367. Grant of a Pension to John Stanley, late Abbot of Dale. **28 Oct. 1491.**

The new abbot, Richard, and the convent grant a pension to the late abbot, who had resigned through old age and infirmity.

(*See Vol. I., No. 65.*)

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31 May, 1494. 368. Visitation of Dale.

Two canons are found guilty of incontinence and punished. During the feast of Corpus Christi 'Alleluia' *is to be used as in Paschal time. The administration of the abbot is approved and praised.*

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE DALLA.

A. fol. 123. Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXIIII., die autem mensis Maii ultimo, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto nobis in Christo confratre nostro, Robert Bedalle, canonico et professo nostri monasterii predicti, visitavimus monasterium de Dale, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis, ubi frater Edwardus Hampton a nobis de incontinencia impetitus quod testem haberet super terram, de quo crimine non potuit se purgare, sed palam se reum fore testatus est. Quare nos eidem, secundum nostri Ordinis instituta, injunximus penam gravioris culpe xl. dierum, [et] in monasterio de Durforde per quinquennium permansurum. Comperimus insuper ibidem Johannem Bebe de incontinencia, et quod ex muliere, vocata Margareta de Halle, genuisset sobolem, quod scelus se fecisse protestatus est, sed licet de eodem crimine preantea fuerat inde correptus a proprio suo prelato, tamen quia non erat culpe condigna, ideo condignam pro hujusmodi injunximus penitenciam, videlicet penam xl. dierum gravioris culpe, ac sit emissus ad monasterium de Halesowene per septennium; cujus prefatam sibi injunctam penam usque provinciale Capitulum continuavimus, prelati sui proprii arbitrio et discrecione remittendo. Precipimus domino abbati et conventui quatenus omnes versiculi istius solennis festi Corporis Christi ad primam ceterasque horas diei cantentur cum *Alleluia*, sicuti solemus tempore Paschali. Cetera vero non invenimus ibidem correccionis vinculo restringenda, sed cuncta intus et extra honorifice per abbatis ejusdem circumspeccionem et provisionem sunt conservata, ita quod dicta ecclesia ab

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onere debitorum est ad presens aliena; in granis atque animalibus mirabiliter locupletata etc. Datum etc.

369. Names of the Community. **1494.**

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE DALE.

Dominus Ricardus Nothyngham, abbas.	Sacerdotes.	Frater Johannes Moniasch, vicarius de Halome.	Sacerdotes.
Frater Robertus Aschtone, supprior.		,, Ricardus Bredone, apud Heynour.	
,, Johannes York, circator.		,, Willelmus Blakborne, capellanus de Stantone.	
,, Willelmus Lammas, cantor.		,, Johannes Bebe, subsacrista.	Diaconi.
,, Thomas Staynley.		,, Georgius Slee, servitor infirmorum.	
,, Ricardus Blakwall, sacrista.		,, Johannes Spenser.	Novicii.
,, Edwardus Hamptone.		,, Galfridus Glosope.	
,, Radulphus Porter.			
,, Ricardus Nothyngham, vicarius de Ilkestone.			

A. fol. 116.

f. 116 b.

370. Names of the Community and Visitation. **26 August, 1497.**

Bishop Redman gives a good report of the house. The canons are henceforth to bow and not kneel at the elevation in the Mass.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE DALLE.

Dominus Ricardus Nothingham, abbas.	Frater Robertus Bredone.
Frater Johannes York, supprior.	,, Thomas Stanley, sacrista.
,, Willelmus Lammas, circator.	,, Ricardus Blakwalle.
	,, Robertus Aschstone.
	,, Radulfus Porter.

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Frater Georgius Slee.
,, Johannes Spenser.
,, Galfridus Glossope.
,, Ricardus Banysbroghe.
,, Johannes Monyasche, vicarius de Kyrkhalame.
Frater Ricardus Bredone, vicarius de Heynour.
,, Willelmus Blakborne, vicarius de Stantone.
,, Robertus Bronlowe, vicarius de Ilkestone.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini m° CCCCLXXXXVII., xxvi. die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto prout supra, visitavimus monasterium de Dalle, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis; ubi ex parte prelati omnia intus et extra honorifice sunt tractata, custodita pariter et gubernata; ac eciam, ex parte conventus, obediencia pariter et amore sui prelati, sunt invicem annecti, eo quod nulla coram nobis allata utriusque partis est querela; tamen in minoribus observanciis oculariter quedam conspeximus reformanda, videlicet ne aliquis de cetero ante elevacionem hostie, sive calicis, genufleccionem faciat, sed reverenter secundum ordinem inclinet. Debita dicte domus comperimus nulla, licet dictus abbas nonnullis gravaminibus fuerit preantea onustus; in granis et animalibus, more predecessorum suorum, multo felicius locupletatus. Datu etc.

15 May, 1500. 371. Names of the Community and Visitation.

Bishop Redman finds all well in the house. The number of canons is smaller than it should be, on account of the plague. He is satisfied that the abbot will increase the number when he can.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE DALLA.

A. fol. 146 b. Dominus Ricardus Nothingham.
Frater Robertus Astone, suprior.
Frater Willelmus Lammas, magister noviciorum.
,, Johannes Spenser, sacrista.

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Frater Johannes Bebe, cantor.
„ Galfridus Glosoppe, succentor.
„ Ricardus Geynesbrogh.
„ Robertus Irlande, ex professione nigrorum canonicorum.
„ Robertus Brownlaw, vicarius de Ilkeston.
„ Johannes Notingham, vicarius de Holom.

Frater Ricardus Bredone, capellanus de Okbrok.[1]
„ Willelmus Blakborne, capellanus de Stanton.
„ Thomas Rede.
„ Leonardus North, subsacrista.
„ Gervasius Caltone.
„ Jacobus Kyntone.
} Novicii.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini M°V°, xv. die mensis Maii, Nos Ricardus etc., f. 147.
assumpto nobiscum etc., visitavimus monasterium de Dalle, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Coventriensis et Lichfeldensis diocesis; ubi nulla competit nobis relinquere precepta; tamen paucitatem fratrum ibidem comperimus ob plagam quam nuper Dominus inter eos exercuerat. Consuetum vero numerum dictus abbas [quin] adimpleturus[2] [sit], secundum quod facultas ecclesie permiserit, non dubitamus. Et quia ex nostri Ordinis statutorum serie tenemur ad matutinas noctuanter circa noctis medium consurgere, idcirco inhibemus de cetero, sub pena contemptus, ne in die Parasceve, sive festo Corporis Christi, in contrarium fiat, in contemptum sive abusionem nostre religionis. Nulla nobis ab abbate objiciuntur debita. In granis et animalibus ditissime instauratum. Datum.

[1] *I.e.* Ockbrook, Derby, six miles from Derby. [2] MS. has *adimplere.*

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XIII. DODFORD.

DODFORD Priory, in the county of Worcester, was a cell of Hales Owen. The names of only five of the superiors are known.

t. Hy. II. Osbert, 1st prior (*Mon.* vi. 944).
1232. Osbert (Cal. Ch. Roll, 16 Hy. III. p. 156).
1416. Thomas Middleton (Nash, *Worcester*, i. 153).
1464. Thomas Typeton (ibid. App. XXI.).
1488–1505. Thomas Cokyssey (Nos. 372, 440).

1505. **372. The Community of Dodford.**

A. fol. 10. Frater Thomas Cokyssey, prior.
,, Willielmus Bacon, supprior.
,, Rogerus Walsall, vicarius de Hales.
,, Willielmus Taylor, vicarius de Walsall.
,, Ricardus Hampton, vicarius de Clent.
,, Thomas Kynber.
} Omnes isti dederunt voces suas patri abbati.
,, Thomas Derby, dedit vocem suam Priori de Horneby.
,, Thomas Dudeley.
,, Ricardus Poole.
,, Robertus Kynber.
,, Thomas, prior de Dodeforth.
} Isti dederunt voces suas vicario de Clent.
,, Johannes Wenloke.
,, Johannes Scheldon.
} Subdiaconi.
,, Willielmus Coventrie.
} Novicii.

XIV. DURFORD.

DURFORD Abbey, in the county of Hampshire and the diocese of Chichester, was founded in A.D. 1169 from the abbey of Welbeck. The following are some of the abbots:

? Valentine (Addy's *Beauchief*, p. 51).
1198 (oc.) 'W.' (Cal. of Pap. Doc. i. 5).

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1257–8 *ante.*	John (Cott. MS. Vesp. E. xxiii. fol. 1).
1216–1222 (oc.)	Jordan.
1310–1315.	Osbert (No. 3; Cal. Rot. Cl. 8 Ed. II. p. 225).
1329 (oc.)	Thomas (Cal. Cl. Roll 3 Ed. III. p. 571).
1335 (oc.)	Henry (*bis*) (Cl. Roll 7 Ed. III. pp. 191 and 336).
1400 (oc.)	John (Cal. Pap. Doct. v. p. 133).
1440 (oc.)	Stephen Mersey (Early Ch. Proc. Bund. 11, No. 138).
1446–1450 (oc.)	John (Harl. Ch. iii. C. 62).
1453–1465 (ob.)	Walter (E. Chanc. Proc. Bd. 22, No. 174; No. 373).
1475–1500.	Robert Kyppynge (Nos. 377, 388).
1533–1536.	John Sympson (Harl. Ch. iii. C. 62; *Valor Eccl.* I. 321).

373. The Convent of Durford to the Abbot of Welbeck. **2 Dec., 1465.**

They announce the death of their abbot Walter on 20 November: they send the seal of his office and pray the abbot to fix the date of the election of a successor.

P. fol. 11. (Reg. Prem. f. 104 a.)

Reverende ac metuende Pater,

Humillima recommendatione, cum omni subjectione obedientie, servicio, et honore precedente. Scire dignetur vestra reverenda paternitas, quod, xx. die mensis Novembris ultimo preterito, reverendus pater dominus Walterus, nostri monasterii de Durefford quondam abbas, diem suum clausit extremum; quo defuncto, corporeque ejusdem (ut decuit) ecclesiastice tradito sepulture, paternitati vestre sigillum ipsius (sicut tenemur) per fratrem Robertum Kyppyng, literarum presentium portitorem, transmittimus:

Ne igitur diuturna vacatio (per quam maxime monasteriis consueverunt venire dispendia) nostro monasterio sit dampnosa; reverentiam vestram affectuose presentibus deprecamur, quatenus nobis (pastoris solatione destitutis) diem competentem ad eligendum novum prelatum, quam citius poteritis, per vestras patentes literas misericorditer assignetis, dictam electionem celebraturis benigniter prout vestro jure dinoscitur interesse.

Paternitatem vestram reverendam custodire dignetur Omnipotens feliciter et votive.

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In cujus rei testimonium, presentibus sigillum commune domus nostre est appensum.

Datum in domo capitulari nostro, secundo die mensis Decembris, anno Domini MCCCCLXV.

Reverendo ac metuendo patri nostro, abbati de Welbeck.

2 Dec., 1465. **374. Nicholas Husey to the Abbot of Welbeck.**

Writes in behalf of the community of Durford, as the founder, that they may soon have their election: suggests that the abbot of Titchfield be asked to hold it.

P. fol. 12. (Reg. Prem. f. 104 a.)

Worschypfull & reverente Fadyr in God, Y recommaunde me unto you. And whereas th'abby of Dureford (which is my Fundacion) within the Diocese of Chychestre, is desolate & voyde of an Hede by the deth of Walter the late Abbat there (whose sowle God assoyle): Wherfore plesyth youre gude Fadyrhode to commyte yowre commyssion to the Abbot of Tychefelde, that the Convent of the sayde House of Dureford may procede in Election to provyde thayme an Hede; & so yowe to conferme the Acte of the sayde Abbot of Tychefelde in all hasty wyse possybyll, for dyverse causys of grete nede & poverte [th]at the sayde hows is in at this tyme, be dyverse wronges & plees, as my servaunt, berer of this Lettyir, schall more plannely informe yowe in my behalf (to whoime I pray you to take credence) with oghte ellys that hyt lyke yowe to commawnde in thys contre, whyche shall be redy at all tymes, with the Grace of God; who hafe yow in hys kepynge.

Y wryte at Dureford, with lytele laysour, the ij Day of Decembre last passyd.

By Yowre owne,

Nycolace Huse, Sqwyer.

To the wyrschypfull & reverent Fader in God the Abbott of Welbeke.

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375. Commission from John, Abbot of Welbeck, to some Canons of Durford. **Dec., 1465.**

To look after the business of the house till the election of the new abbot.

Johannes, permissione divina, abbas monasterii de Welbeke, dilectis nobis in Christo filiis et fratribus A., B., C., D., canonicis ecclesie de Durefford, salutem et pie paternitatis affectum. **P. fol. 13. (Reg. Prem. f. 104 b.)**

Cum ecclesia vestra ad presens sit destituta solatio pastorali, et ad ipsum monasterium pro nunc, diversis arduisque negotiis prepediti, nequeamus personaliter accedere; hinc est, quod dicte ecclesie seu monasterio (ne aliqua patiatur incommoda) providere volentes, vobis administrationem tam spiritualem quam temporalem dicte ecclesie vel monasterii, auctoritate nostra paterna, duximus, tenore presentium, committendam.

In virtute sancte obedientie firmiter et districte precipiendo mandamus quatinus spiritualium et temporalium administrationem debite et prudenter exerceatis, ad ipsius ecclesie seu monasterii et futuri abbatis profectum et utilitatem. Omniaque et singula per vos liberata et recepta, et alias quomodolibet administrata, in scriptis redigatis, ut nobis et futuro vestro abbati de omnibus et singulis per vos administratis debitam possitis reddere rationem.

Precipientes omnibus et singulis personis dicti monasterii, quatinus vobis omnibus licitis et honestis fideliter obediant; quodque nulla solvant, recipiant, aut alias ordinare presumant, absque vestro consensu et assensu; nec vos in aliquo (quominus dictam administrationem libere exercere valeatis) per se, vel per alium seu alios quomodolibet molestare seu perturbare presumant.

In quorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus, usque ad revocationem nostram in suo robore duraturis, duximus apponendum. Datum etc.

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8 Dec., 1465. **376. The Abbot of Welbeck to the Abbot of Titchfield.**

Is prevented from going to Durford, and asks him to go thither and hold an election of abbot.

P. fol. 14. Universis sancte matris Ecclesie filiis presentes literas inspecturis, Johannes, Dei patientia, humilis abbas monasterii B. Marie Sanctique Jacobi, de Welbek, ac pater abbas monasterii B. Marie Sanctique Johannis Baptiste, de Durefford: venerabili in Christo patri ac domino, permissione divina, abbati de Tychefeld, amico et confratri nostro carissimo, salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris.

Quia ad ecclesiam nostram filialem de Durefford predictam, per mortem pie memorie fratris Walteri, quondam abbatis ejusdem, pastoris solatio aliquamdiu destitutam, non solum corporali impotentia, verum etiam arduis et inevitabilibus nostri proprii monasterii negotiis nobis indies emergentibus, plurimum prepediti ad exequendum in dicta ecclesia de Durefford que nobis ex officio paternali incumbunt, ad presens, ut vellemus, personaliter descendere non valemus:

De vestra discretione, fidelitate, et ordinis zelo multum confidentes, fraternitatem vestram (de qua non modicam reportamus fiduciam) instantissime duximus exorandum, quatinus vos, assumpto vobiscum priore sive suppriore domus vestre de Tycheffeld predicte, ad dictam nostram filialem ecclesiam personaliter velletis accedere; habentes ad hec nostre jurisdictionis plenariam, ista vice, potestatem; visitatione premi[ss]a, ut moris est, novum pastorem eligendi, secundum nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis privilegia, constitutiones et statuta; ac ipsum electum, assumptum, provisum atque perfectum, in patrem ipsius ecclesie de Durefford et pastorem, in corporalem possessionem dicte ecclesie de Durefford, cum omnibus que ad eandem pertinent, per tactum cordarum
f. 14 b. campanarum, inducatis; installantes eundem in || stallum abbatis ibidem; ac prestari sibi faciatis, ab universis et singulis dicte

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ecclesie de Durefford canonicis et confratribus obedientiam manualem.

Et si quos de confratribus ecclesie de Durefford predicte huic electioni seu provisioni, secundum nostri Ordinis privilegia, constitutiones et statuta legitime facte, rebelles aut inobedientes inveneritis (quod absit), per censuram ecclesiasticam compescatis: advocato etiam in hoc (si necesse fuerit) auxilio brachii secularis.

Et quid circa premissa feceritis, per aliquem certum internuntium, quam citius vacare commode poteritis, nos literatorie certificare velitis.

Data sub sigillo officii nostri in monasterio nostro de Welbek predicto, viii. mensis Decembris, anno Domini M.CCCC.LX.V.

377. Names of the Community of Durford. **1475.**

Hec sunt nomina omnium canonicorum nostri Ordinis in regno Anglie ut fuerunt in visitatione Ricardi Assavensis episcopi et abbatis de Schapp incipientis visitacionem suam in monasterio de Durefforde vi^to^ die mensis Junii, anno Domini MCCCCLXXV^to^ etc. A. fol. 4.

IN MONASTERIO DE DURFORDE.

Dompnus Robertus Kyppyng, abbas hujus monasterii.
Frater Johannes Newton, supprior.
Robertus Trypland, cantor et sacrista.
Willelmus London.
Johannes Fuller, succentor.
Robertus Whytsham.
Thomas Jhoneson } duo fugitivi et
Edwardus Hunt } apostate.
Johannes Perys } novicii non
Thomas London } professi.

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1478. **378. General Answers to the Visitation Questions of Bishop Redman.**

P. fol. 14. (Reg. Prem. 117 a.)

Cenobium de Dureford,
in [Comitatu Sussexie, et]
diocesi Cicestrie;
[tempore R. Johannis, scilicet ante annum Christi M.CC.XVII.
ab Henrico de Hoese] fundatum est;
in honore S. Johannis Baptiste [et B. Marie]
Abbas de Welbek est pater abbas.
Filia ejus est cenobium de Bylegh sive Meldune; que primo fuit filia de Newhouse.
Unam habet ecclesiam.
Curatus modo est secularis.
Nicholaus Husye est fundator [sive patronus].

25 July, 1478. **379. Visitation of Durford.**

Bishop Redman found Bros. Thos. Jhoneson and Edw. Hunt deprived of active and passive voice and of their stalls for their demerits; at intercession of abbot and convent restored them. All to wear almuces under their cloaks: to rise betimes for matins: to engage in labour according to orders of prelate. Brethren not to go beyond limits of enclosure: to be punished in all these cases if they disobey, or if they break silence.

VISITACIO DE DURFORDE.

A. fol. 14.

Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXVIII°, mensis Julii die xx^mo^v^to^, Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Durforde, nostri dicti Ordinis, Cicestrensis diocesis; ubi comperimus fratres Thomam Jhoneson et Eduardum Hunt privatos suis vocibus et stallis, propter sua demerita, quos ad pristinum gradum, voces et stalla, ad intercessionem sui prelati et omnium confratrum suorum restituimus, et ut eligere valeant et eligi per presentes habilitamus.

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Precipimus etiam districte ut omnes et singuli confratres semper utantur amictibus sub capis suis et extra in labore, sub pena unius diei in pane et aqua delinquentibus imponenda. Et omnes jacentes in dormitorio surgant noctuanter ad matutinas, sub pena unius diei in pane et aqua. Et operentur fratres, juxta preceptum prelati, intus et extra sub pena trium dierum in pane et aqua. Eciam omnes abusus et deformitates aut curiositates prohibemus fieri sub pena contemptus. Et ne fratres excedant limites sive terminos licencie sibi concedendos, sub pena apostasie. Injungimus domino abbati et presidentibus conventus, sub pena contemptus, ne penas predictas mitigent aut quoquomodo pro hiis aut silencio fracto relaxent. In ultima visitacione debuit dictum monasterium iii^{xx} libras, nunc vero viii. libras. In granis et aliis necessariis ad sufficienciam stauratum. Datum etc.

380. Names of the Community of Durford. **1478.**

DURFORDE.

Nicholaus Hwsye est fundator. Abbas de Welbek est pater abbas. Unam habet ecclesiam; curatus modo est secularis. Fundatum erat in honore Sancti Johannis Baptiste, anno Domini M°[CCXVII.]. A. fol. 22 b.

Dompnus Robertus Kyppyng, abbas.
Frater Johannes Wewton (? Newton), supprior.
„ Robertus Tryplond, circator.
Frater Willelmus Taverner.
„ Johannes Fuller.
„ Thomas Jhoneson.
„ Edwardus Hunt.
„ Johannes Pyris.
„ Thomas Hill.

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6 Sept., 1482. **381. Visitation of Durford.**

Bishop Redman finds that most of the canons have died of the plague. He consoles the abbot and urges him to get together another community. The cloister needs repair: the temporal administration has been good.

VISITACIO MONASTERII NOSTRI ORDINIS PREMONSTRATENSIS DE DURFORD.

A. fol. 38 b. Anno Domini quo supra, vi. die mensis Septembris, Nos Ricardus etc., visitavimus monasterium de Durford, nostri dicti Ordinis, et conventum dicti monasterii per procuratorem, in domo Fratrum Minorum, infra civitatem Cicestrensem, in qua quidem visitacione comperimus omnes fratres dicte ecclesie per plagam pestilencie prorsus viam universe carnis ferme migrasse, ubi dominum abbatem prefati monasterii blande leniterque super hoc consolantes, et in Domino exhortantes quatinus omnem secundum suum posse iterum consuetum congregare festinet excercitum ut devocius more solito divinum persolvant die[1] ac nocte obsequium. Ac eciam ut claustrum dicti monasterii, defectu reparacionis diu debilitatum, quam cito poterit illud reedificare et sufficienter reparare festinet, quod in presencia se perimplere mera voluntate spopondit. Et presens per decretum quendam fratrem nomine Walterum Speer canonicum et professum monasterii nostri Ordinis de Torre, sub prefati abbatis de Durford fore obediencia decrevimus, usque ad nostram proximam convocacionem seu Capitulum provinciale, in partem supplecionis numeri predicti, nuper Dei visitacione de mundo deleti. Et ipsius monasterii statum temporalem, per abbatis ejusdem prudentissimam circumspeccionem industriam et ministracionem pro istorum dierum malorum exigencia, solito laudabilius comperimus gubernatum, et plurimum emendatum. Ita tamen quod in precedenti visitacione dictum debuit monasterium viii. li., sed modo vero ex domini

[1] MS. has *nocte*.

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abbatis providencia [pro] nichilo tenetur debitorum pondere. In granis tamen et aliis necessariis nisi ex provisione et pecunie precio stauratum. Datum etc.

382. Names of the Community and Visitation of Durford. **25 July, 1488.**

Bishop Redman finds nothing to correct. He charges the abbot to try and increase the number of the community.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE DURFORD.

Dominus Robertus Kyppynge, abbas.
Frater Robertus Triplond, suprior.
„ Robertus Witton, circator.
Frater Johannes Colas, succentor.
„ Thomas Hyll, sacrista.
Ceteri mortui sunt. A. fol. 78 b.

VISITACIO MONASTERII PREFATI DE DURFORDE.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXVIII., XXV. die mensis Julii, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore nostri prefati monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium nostri dicti Ordinis de Durford, Cicestrensis diocesis; ubi nulla comperimus nostra correccione digna seu Capitulo generali referenda, sed et fratrum paucitate considerata divinum solempniter ibidem celebrant servicium. Domino abbati in mandatis dedimus ut omni ulteriori dilacione postposita numerum augeat canonicorum. In ultima visitacione nil debuit dictum monasterium, modo vero l. markas, quia propter diversarum domorum adustionem crevit ex hoc debitum. In aliis tamen necessariis domus sufficienter stuffatur. Datum etc.

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16 October, 1491.

383. Visitation of Durford.

Bishop Redman gives directions on some small observances, chiefly as to the divine office. The room hitherto set apart for the canons' recreation is no longer to be used, and another is to be provided.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE DURFORD.

A. fol. 101. Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI., xvi. die mensis Octobris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Durforde, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Cicestrensis diocesis; ubi quedam de minoribus observanciis reformari decrevimus; utpote diaconus evangelium lecturus ad benediccionem ejusdem nunquam genua flectat, sed reverenter sacerdoti ad eandem inclinat. Et in fine ultime collecte diei cotidie ad matutinalem missam, vesperas, et ceteras horas, illa oracio, *Et pacem* t. n. q. t. cantetur, duplicibus tamen et collecta pro pace exceptis. Et psalmus *Letatus sum* cum collectis et versiculis inde consuetis, cotidie sive ad matutinalem missam, sive majorem frequentatur. Et precipimus districtius, sub pena contemptus, quatenus religiose secundum statuta nostri Ordinis et laudabilem consuetudinem reformetur. Et cum antiphonas, psalmos, ympnos, sive aliquid aliud inciperint, sine notarum curiositate sive protraccione deinceps plane percantent. Et collecte ad matutinas, vesperas, sive ad commendacionem semper ad gradum presbiterii compleantur. Precipimus insuper omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus ne infra precinctum monasterii cum mulieribus commedant aut bibant, nec consorcio earundem de cetero se intermisceant. Precipimus eciam domino abbati quatenus pro conventu domum competentem pro diebus gemine refeccionis ad manducandum et bibendum et ad recreaciones in eadem excercendum provideat. Sed illam domum inter refectorium et dormitorium situatam ad hujusmodi hucusque excercitatam, omnino deinceps interdicimus, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, ut in ea neque de cetero commedant, bibant, seu quovismodo frequentent. In ista visitacione

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status dicte ecclesie talis est, quod nil debet: laudetur Deus. In granis et animalibus laudabiliter alias provisa. Datum etc.

384. Names of the Community at Durford. **1491.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE DURFORDE.

A. fol. 114 b.

Dominus Robertus Kyppynge, abbas.	Frater Thomas Knynght.
Frater Robertus Threpland, supprior.	,, Ricardus Comptone.
,, Johannes Peyrs.	,, Galfridus Gardone.
,, Thomas Hylle, sacrista.	,, Robertus Baker.
	,, Robertus Demeyne.
Sacerdotes.	Novicii et non professi.

385. Visitation of Durford. **21 June, 1494.**

The numbers of the canons are not sufficient to perform the divine service properly. The abbot urged to increase the number before the next provincial Chapter. Canons commanded not to speak to seculars of what takes place in Chapter.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE DURFORDE.

Anno Domini, quo ut supra, xxi. die mensis Junii, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto prout supra, visitavimus monasterium de Durforde, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Cicestriensis diocesis, ubi pro defectu sufficientis numeri divinum officium ibidem debite persolvi nequivit, [de] quo domino abbati precipimus, in virtute sancte obediencie, quatenus hunc[1] defectum ulterius differre non presumat, sed infra proximum provinciale Capitulum numerum augeat canonicorum. Et quia claustrum ibidem ad terram- A. fol. 123.

[1] MS. has *cujus*.

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prostratum [fore][1] cito conspeximus nisi de remedio prevideatur, idcirco eidem abbati districte precipimus, sub pena maximi contemptus, quatenus de novo totum illud reedificet per circuitum infra tres annos proxime futuros, sicuti coram nobis facturum spopondit. Precipimus insuper omnibus ibidem capitulantibus quatenus omnia et singula ultima visitacione in decreto precepta melius solito observari minime postponant. Necnon omnibus, ut prefertur, ibidem existentibus inhibemus ne secreta presentis Capituli sive quicquid ibidem fuerat tractatum, sive communicatum, aliquibus secularibus quoquomodo revelent, et hoc sub pena maximi contemptus et excommunicacionis majoris. Inhibemus eciam ne aliquis secularis de cetero in dormitorio nocte requiescat aut quovismodo jaceat, et hoc dominus abbas ulterius non permittat. Et quia dies preante mali fuerunt, idcirco debita minui non potuerunt, tamen ad plenum ultra summam xl. li. non extendunt. In granis atque animalibus et ceteris necessariis satis sufficienter dictam ecclesiam comperimus provisam. Datum etc.

1494. **386. Names of the Community of Durford.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE DURFORDE.

A. fol. 117.

Dominus Robertus Kyppynge, abbas.

Sacerdotes:
- Frater Robertus Thyrlande, vicarius de Rogat.[2]
- „ Thomas Heylle, sacrista.
- „ Robertus Alnemouth.

Professi:
- Frater Thomas Kneyt.
- „ Ricardus Coomptone.
- „ Galfridus Peryne.
- „ Robertus Bakare.
- „ Robertus Meyne.

[1] MS. has *prosterni*.

[2] *I.e.* Rogate.

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387. Names of Community and Visitation of Durford. **21 October, 1497.**

Bishop Redman enjoins on the community the better keeping of silence and enclosure. The cloister is in ruins, and the abbot promises to repair it at once.

NOMINA [FRATRUM] MONASTERII DE DURFORD.

Frater Robertus Threplande, prior.
„ Thomas Hylle.
„ Robertus Almoth.
„ Robertus Parkys, cui dedimus licenciam quodlibet servicium sive beneficium recipere ad terminum vite etc. A. fol. 139.
Frater Thomas Grenwich.
„ Thomas Knyght.
„ Ricardus Comptone.
„ Robertus Lawsone.
„ Galfridus Cardone.
„ Robertus Meyner.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE DURFORDE.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXVII., xxi. die mensis Octobris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto etc., ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Durforde, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Cicestriensis diocesis, ubi de maxima insolencia silencii et exeundi a claustro quam, sub statuti pena, reformari precipimus. Et claustrum ferme ad terram ruinosum abbati precipimus reparare et reedificare, in virtute salutaris obediencie, quod infra festum Sancti Michaelis spopondit, sine ulteriori dilacione facturum. In mediocri statu comperimus dictam ecclesiam consistere; in debitis tantum xvi.li.; in animalibus et granis sufficienter provisam. Datum etc. f. 139 b.

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24 Sept., 1500.

388. Names of the Community and Visitation of Durford.

The prior is to resign his vicarage as soon as possible, so as to be with the community. Two canons, convicted of going out of the enclosure, are punished. The abbot is to commence the rebuilding of the cloister at once and to increase the number of the community.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE DURFORDE.

A. fol. 149.

Dominus Robertus Kyppynge, abbas.
Frater Robertus Thyrplande, prior.
,, Robertus Almonth.
,, Thomas Knyght.
Frater Ricardus Comptone, cellerarius.
,, Robertus Bakare, sacrista.
,, Galfridus Peryner } Novicii.
,, Robertus Meyner }

Anno Domini MV^c^, xxiiii. vero die mensis Septembris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro, ut supra, vistavimus monasterium de Durforde, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Cicestrensis diocesis; ubi fratri Roberto Thyrplande priori districte in mandatis dedimus, quatenus quamcicius poterit vicariam suam [1] per alium serviri faciat, ut ipse intus circa fratres et regulares observancias, secundum effectum statutorum, melius vacare potuerit. Ibidem insuper contra Thomam Knyght, Ricardum Comptone, et Robertum Bakare objicitur, extra precinctum sui monasterii, sine licencia, exire tam die quam nocte minime formidantes, de qua impetiti tandem se reos confessi sunt correccioni nostre arbitrarie se offerentes. Quare injunximus eisdem et singulis eorundem penam xx^ti^ dierum gravioris culpe in domo propria subeundam; tamen ad intercessionem prelati dictam penam pariter et culpam continuavimus usque ad proximum Capitulum eorum humilitate considerata. Precipimus insuper domino abbati
f. 149 b. quatenus claustrum aliis cum reparaci || onibus necessariis quam

[1] He was vicar of Rogate.

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cicius poterit plenius reedificari faciat, quod quidem infra festum Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptiste sine ulteriori dilacione spopondit. Et numerum precipimus augeri interim canonicorum. Debita dicti monasterii ad summam tantum c. marcarum testatus est; in animalibus et granis minime sufficienter provisum per annum. Data etc.

XV. EGGLESTON.

EGGLESTON was established in the last decade of the twelfth century in the county and diocese of York by St. Agatha's. The following are some of the abbots:

1198 (oc.).	Ralph de Moleton (*Yorks. Arch. Soc.* xvii. p. 34).
1216 (oc.).	Robert (ibid. and *Monast.* vi. 943).
1227 (oc.).	William (ibid.).
1235–1240 (oc.).	Hamo (ibid.).
1252–1254 (oc.).	Robert (ibid.).
s.d.	Roger (*Surtees Soc.* xci. 143).
1296–1307 (oc.).	John de Easby (ibid., *Monast. ut sup.*).
1307 (el.).	Thomas de Dunelm (*Monast. ut sup.*).
1309.	William [de C.] (ibid.; No. 391).
1313 (el.).	Bernard de Langton (Whitaker, i. 152).
1330.	John de Thaxton (*Monast. ut sup.*).
1349.	Alexander de Easeby (Whitaker, *ut sup.*).
1351 (el.).	William de Strattleford (Whitaker, *ut sup.*).
1377.	Peter de Easeby (Whitaker, *ut sup.*).
1401–1411 (ob.).	John English (Cal. of Pap. Doct. v. p. 414).
1411.	John de Welles (Whitaker, *ut sup.*).
1412–1423.	Thomas Moreton (Whitaker, *Yorks. Arch. ut sup.* p. 51).
1445–1449.	Thomas Rayner (*Monast. ut sup.*).

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1455–1472.	John de Woolston (Early Chancery Proceedings, bundle 38, no. 281).
1478–1494.	Robert Ellerton (Nos. 396, 407).
1495–1500.	William Westerdale (Whitaker, p. 152; No. 410).
1503.	John Wakefield (*Monast.* p. 943).
1519–1536.	Thomas Dernton or Darneton or Shepherd (Whitaker and *Surtees Soc.* vol. lvii. p. 200; *Val. Eccl.* v. p. 236).

1281–1287? **389. The Abbot of Prémontré to a Commission of Abbots.**

To visit Eggleston and see whether the report against the abbot for incontinence is true or not. If it be proved, he is to be induced to resign or made to do so.

P. fol. 16. (Reg. Prem. f. 29 b.)

G.[1], Dei patientia, Premonstrati abbas. et abbatum ejusdem Ordinis Capitulum generale, venerabilibus et dilectis in Christo fratribus de M[eldune] etc. abbatibus, salutem.

Vobis precipiendo mandamus, quatenus ad ecclesiam de E[ggleston] quamcitius accedentes personaliter, inquiratis diligenter de excessibus prelati dicti loci, qui de incontinentia extitit graviter diffamatus; quod si inveneritis ita esse, ipsum ad cedendum inducatis; vel, si cedere renuerit, ipsum ad hoc renitentem viriliter compellatis, ne excessus ipsius prelati tolerati maculam ponat in oculis prelatorum honestorum, corrigentes in eadem ecclesia, tam in capite quam in membris, que secundum Deum et ordinem inveneritis corrigenda. Quod, si dictam ecclesiam vacare quoquomodo contigerit, faciatis eidem ecclesie de pastore ydoneo provideri, secundum Ordinis instituta. Contradictores etc. Invocato etc. Datum, etc.

[1] The only abbot of Prémontré to which the initial G would apply, about the presumed date of this letter, is Gaia (1281–1287).

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390. Declaration of the Visitors to Eggleston. 1281–1287 ?

They declare the abbot innocent of the charge against him, and punish the three canons who have defamed him.

Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, nos anno gratie etc., die P. fol. 16.
Martis etc., una cum abbatibus etc. auctoritate domini Premonstrati nobis de novo associatis, visitavimus ecclesiam supradictam, tam in capite quam in membris; in qua facta inquisitione diligenti super statu abbatis ejusdem loci, qui, ut datum fuit intelligi Capitulo generali, graviter extitit de incontinentia diffamatus; per depositionem totius conventus, juratis universis et singulis
|| sollempniter, accepimus quod origo illius infamie, per frequentes f. 16 b.
accessus ad quandam dominam, in conventu primitus extitit introducta; ac postmodum crevit et diffundebatur per maliciam et conspirationem trium canonicorum ejusdem ecclesie (viz. H. de —, P. de M.; et G. de B.) usque ad tempus visitationis nostre presentis.

Et quia nil aliud reperimus, quod ad lesionem seu detrimentum status abbatis prefati cedere possit (presertim cum iidem conspiratores, vel duo eorum, qui presentes extiterant, proprio juramento, una cum aliis, coram nobis assererent, prefatum abbatem ab illo crimine immunem et nullo modo fore suspectum) ipsum abbatem a crimine prefato et ejusdem infamia, exigente justitia, pronunciavimus et declaravimus liberum totaliter ac legitime absolutum; famam pristinam, bonam et honestam, commissa nobis auctoritate, restituentes eidem; ac viam et materiam universis et singulis precludentes de prefata infamia colloquendi.

Decernentes, H. infamie predicte auctorem (tunc temporis, propter alias transgressiones ad ecclesiam de W. transmissum per literam D. abbatis de N.) ad ecclesiam Ordinis valde remotam, in penam diffamatoribus abbatum, fore emittendum;

P. vero ad ecclesiam de Thorre, in pena consimili, ex causa predicta, transmittendum;

S. vero eorum fautorem, in ecclesia propria, eadem pena puniendum.

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Injunximus insuper priori et suppriori, quod claustrum et claustrales diligentius solito custodiant; nec aliquem claustralium exterius, ut hactenus, vagari permittant; nec aliquem suspectum ad cameram domini Laurentii accessum habere sustineant, per quem prefata infamia denuo valeat suscitari. Et hoc sub pena gravioris culpe decem dierum transgressoribus infligendum.

Circa 1309. **391. The Abbot of Dale to the Abbot of St. Agatha's.**

They are commanded by Adam, abbot of Prémontré, to go to Eggleston to restore William de C. as abbot there. If this is not possible they are to assign him a fitting place at Welbeck at the expense of Eggleston.

P. fol. 17. (Reg. Prem. f. 32 a.)

Venerabili in Christo patri et domino, reverendo domino, Dei gratia, abbati de S. Agatha, suus frater, Ejusdem patientia, abbas humilis ecclesie de [Dala], salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem.

Quia, variis negotiis et arduis ecclesiam nostram de [Dala] tangentibus, coram venerabili viro et D. D. W.[1] Coventrie et Lichfeldie episcopo expediendis, multipliciter occupati; ad executionem mandati reverendi patris nostri D. Ade, D. g. Premonstratensis [abbatis] nobis nuperrime directi (quod vobis, per presentem exhibitorem, mittimus inspiciendum, et per eundem nobis remittendum) in propria persona in proximo intendere non valemus:

de vestra fidelitate et industria quam plurimum confidentes, vobis in hac parte committimus vices nostras, vestram fraternitatem in Christo semper caram, superne contemplationis intuitu, obnoxius deprecantes et in Domino exorantes, quatenus prefati mandati executioni intendere dignemini, ad ecclesiam de E[ggleston] quamcitius personaliter accedentes, dilectum in Christo fratrem W. de C.[2] (quondam prefate ecclesie de E[ggleston] abbatem) in eadem ecclesia sua de E[ggleston] predicta restituatis, necnon

[1] Probably Bishop Walter de Langton (1296–1322).
[2] Probably William de C. (Whitaker, *Richmondshire*, i. 152).

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benigne admitti, pacifice retineri, et honeste pertractari, faciatis; stallum et locum in ecclesia, in capitulo et ubique, juxta status sui exigentiam et Ordinis honestatem, eidem assignantes; insuper in victu et vestitu et aliis necessariis quibuscunque, sibi, sub certa et debita forma, honeste provideri facientes.

Et quia prefati abbas et conventus de E[ggleston], vel saltem || aliqui eorum non inscii, memoratum fratrem W. de C. diversimode f. 17 b. apud bonos et graves, in scandalum Ordinis et contemptum et dicti fratris W. fame non modicam lesionem, diffamare; ac, modis aliis, per se vel per alios, hactenus inquietare, minime formidarunt (omisso jure, ordine, et pretermissa Ordinis jurisdictione):

precipiatis eisdem abbati et conventui et eorum cuilibet, sub pena excommunicationis majoris late sententie, monitione canonica precedente; quod, ab hujusmodi diffamationibus, inquietationibus amodo cessent, sileant penitus, et quiescant; ita quod de cetero eundem fratrem W. clam vel palam non diffament aut inquietent, diffamari aut inquietari quoquomodo faciant aut permittant, faciat aut permittat aliquis eorum.

In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus est appensum. Datum etc.

Quod, si inveneritis eundem ibidem stare non posse, ipsum in ecclesia de Welbek, sumptibus et expensis ecclesie de E[ggleston] honeste collocari faciatis.

Et, ut premissa omnia et singula in dicto mandato contenta, statum dicti fratris W. contingentia, secundum ipsius tenorem, vim et effectum, exequi valeatis; vobis plenitudinem potestatis nobis commisse committimus in hac parte, supplicantes devote, quatenus, in premissis exequendis, presentiam fratris H. de N. canonici nostri de Dala, presentium exhibitoris, si placet, admittere dignemini vestra paternitas reverenda.

In premissorum omnium testimonium sigillum nostrum presentibus duximus apponendum.

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Circa 1309. **392. The Abbot of St. Agatha's to the Abbot of Dale.**

Excuses himself for not having carried out the business of the previous letter.

P. fol. 18. Venerabili et dilecto in Christo fratri, domini Dei gratia abbatis de D[ala] suus de S. A[gatha] salutem, cum desiderio complacendi.

Licet mandatum domini Premonstratensis dilectum, super collocatione fratris W. de C. in ecclesia de Egglest[on] facienda inspexerimus; ac literas vestras in Domino nobis caras (quas pro vobis exequi curaveramus [1]) in hac parte recepimus cum affectu non dissimulando [*sic*] nec etiam contempnendo, supersedimus ista vice, pro eo maxime quod pro partibus [2] ad cognoscendum judicialiter evocatis, et sic, auditis et cognitis meritis cause, possit utrique parti fieri quod justitia suadebit: scituri proculdubio, quod in processu, attentis circumstantiis hinc et inde, habebitis nos plenius excusatos.

Valeatis in Domino vestra fraternitas reverenda.

Circa 1309. **393. The Abbot of Welbeck to the Abbot of Dale.**

He objects to receive the late abbot of Eggleston, William de C., because the community of Eggleston has appealed against paying for him at Welbeck.

P. fol. 19. Salutem in presenti, gloriam in futuro.

Licet frater H. de N., canonicus vester, monitiones, comminationes in nos et conventum nostrum minus juste fecerit;

Nos tamen, per presentes vestre innotescimus fraternitati, quod mandatis domini Premonstratensis protestamur nos velle parere; et ea que dominus de Neuhous et alii ordinis zelatores de mandato vobis decreverint adimplere, moderamine adhibito tali, ut sumptus fratris W. de C. taxentur, et nobis (prout mandati tenor exigit) conferantur.

[1] In MS. *creveremus.* [2] In MS. *per partes.*

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Satis vero nobis constat per dictum fratrem H. quod abbas et conventus de E[ggleston] appellarunt; et, per consequens, contribuere nollent, et si nobiscum moram traheret, pro expensis in nullo satisfaceret. Et si eundem (dum discussum fuerit negotium, et de statu suo plenius ordinatum, prout vobis demandatum est) retinueritis; vobis in casu consimili, vel forte majori, tenebimur.

Quid in premissis agere intenderitis, per latorem presentium literatorie, si placet, dignemini significare.

Utinam diu et bene valeatis, et ut nos valere vellemus. Scriptum apud Welbeck.

394. The Abbot of Dale to the Abbot of Welbeck. **Circa 1309.**

Reply to the previous letter.

Visis literis vestris et intellectis, non credimus fratrem H. de N., canonicum nostrum, in monendo vos et consilium vestrum, secundum mandatum patris nostri domini Premonstratensis, in aliquo excessisse. P. fol. 20. (Reg. Prem. 32 b.)

Quoniam vero protestamini vos velle mandatis domini Premonstratensis parere, illud in admissione fratris W. de [C.] (quo actualiter agitur), si vobis placuerit, demonstrare potestis.

Presentiam vero et consilium patris nostri domini abbatis de Newhous in executione istius negotii corditer affectamus. Set dictus frater W. de C. cum festinatione dominum Premonstratensem adire proposuit, nec expectat nisi ut de vobis rursum habeat secum deferendum. Conferre expensas, antequam moram fecerit, rationi consonum non est.

Domine, satis constat dicto fratri W. [de C.] quod mandatis patris nostri Premonstratensis abbatis, per ipsum nobis porrectis, quantum in nobis fuit, plene et cum effectu sumus executi, secundum tenorem ipsius mandati.

Quod si vestre placuerit paternitati dictum W. de [C.] secundum tenorem mandati admittere, aut aliud facere; responsum nobis, infra tempus a jure limitatum, rescribere curetis.

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Nec intelligere velitis, nos personam vestram in aliquo velle onerari aut pregravari, set ut mandatis patris (cui obedire tenemur) pareamus, et nosmet indemp || nes conservemus; quia actor istius negotii sequitur cum fervore, et ideo sub simulatione non valemus preterire. Valete.

f. 20 b.

Circa 1313.

395. Adam, Abbot of Prémontré, to the Abbot of Newhouse.

Full powers to settle the late abbot of Eggleston, either there or elsewhere.

P. fol. 21. (Reg. Prem. f. 29 a.)

Adam, Dei gratia etc. Sollicitudo pastoris cura est gregis.

Nos igitur, de statu fratris W. de [C.] presentium exhibitoris, soliciti et salute; ut ipsum in ecclesia sua de E[ggleston] vel alibi, si vobis videatur expediens, auctoritate nostra collocare possitis, vobis nostre plenitudinem committimus potestatis; necnon omnia et singula que ipsum et statum suum tangunt plenius et efficacius exequi perficere et finaliter terminare.

Datum etc.

Circa 1313.

396. The Abbot of Newhouse to the Abbot of T[orre].

Orders him to receive into his house the late abbot of Eggleston as a resident; he acts on the orders of the abbot of Prémontré, as in previous letter.

P. fol. 22. (Reg. Prem. f. 29.)

Venerabili in Christo fratri, domino abbati de T. suus J., Dei permissione abbas de N[euhous], salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem.

[Mandatum domini Premonstratensis] recepimus, in hec verba: Adam, Dei gratia, etc. [*Tum recitat, ut supra.*]

Hujus igitur auctoritate mandati, vobis, in virtute sancte obedientie, firmiter et districte injungendo mandamus quatenus dictum fratrem W. latorem presentium (qui in ecclesia propria de E[ggleston] prout, per attestationem tam patris abbatis ipsius ecclesie, quam aliorum fide-dignorum ordinis zelatorum, propter dissentiones et alia impedimenta quam plurima, nullo modo pacifice

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stare potest, intelleximus evidenter) ad manualem obedientiam in ecclesia vestra, cum ad vos accesserit, sine dilatione aliqua recipiatis perpetuo moraturum, non obstantibus excusationibus quibuscunque: scituri quod si hiis mandatis nostris, immo potius domini Premonstratensis, non parueritis, ut ipsum remedium opponat et procedat ulterius quatenus de jure fuerit procedendum, quia nollemus, etc.

397. General Answers to the Visitation Questions of Bishop Redman. 1478.

P. fol. 23. (Reg. Prem. f. 117 b.)

Cenobium de Eleston sive Egleston,
in [Com. Richmondie, et]
diocesi Ebor.
[circa annum Domini MCC.
a Gilberto de Leya] fundatum est,
in honore S. Johannis Baptiste.
Abbas de S. Agatha est pater abbas.

Plures habet ecclesias et cantarias modici valoris. Canonici ipsas deserviunt. Set tantum tres sunt perpetui.

Dominus de Dal. primus est fundator [sive patronus].

398. Visitation of Eggleston. 23 Sept., 1478.

Bishop Redman makes some remarks about the choir duties. He enjoins the prior to see that all rise for the morning office. The Psalms &c. are to be said slowly and distinctly.

VISITATIO DE EGLESTON.

Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXVIII°, mensis Septembris die xxiii., A. fol. 16.
Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum venerabili confratre nostro Abbate Sancte Agathe, patrem abbatem de Egleston visitavimus [et] eundem [*sic*] monasterium de Egleston; ubi injunximus priori, sub pena contemptus, ut die nocteque observari faciat divinum servicium et regulares observancias, proviso semper, ut qui non

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surgit ad matutinas jacens in dormitorio, aut silencium in locis deputatis non custodit, tociens quociens habeat unum diem in pane et aqua, sine aliqua remissione. Preceptum est etiam ut psalmodia in choro moderate et distincte celebrent, preces et collectas, *Misereatur* et *Confiteor*, secundum usum nostri Ordinis, omnino spretis secularibus consuetudinibus. Alia ad presens non habemus corrigenda, seu generali Capitulo referenda. In presenti visitatione debet dictum monasterium xx. ti. In aliis necessariis ad sufficienciam stoffatum. Datum etc.

1478. **399. Names of the Community.**

EGLESTON.

A. fol. 23 b. Dominus de Dakyr est fundator. Abbas Sancte Agathe est pater abbas. Plures habet ecclesias et cantarias modici valoris. Canonici ipsas deserviunt, sed tantum tres sunt perpetui. Fundatum erat dictum monasterium in honore Sancti Johannis Baptiste anno Domini M°[CC].

Nomina fratrum.

Dompnus Robertus Ellyrton, abbas.
Frater Willelmus Sargandson, prior.
,, Ricardus Wyclyff, vicarius.
,, Robertus Byrsby, vicarius.
,, Johannes Dover, vicarius.
,, Thomas York.
Frater Johannes Norton.
,, Jacobus Aldulson.
,, Johannes Alan.
,, Willelmus Bank.
,, Joh. Bakleye.
,, Thomas Walkar.
,, Thomas Burton.
,, Thomas Spenser.
,, Willelmus Westerdall.

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400. Licence to Thomas Burton, canon of Eggleston, to go to one of the Universities. **28 March, 1481.**

Having often petitioned, he is now allowed by Bishop Redman to proceed to either Oxford or Cambridge.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 148.)

401. Visitation of Egleston. **10 April, 1482.**

Bishop Redman, on the whole, finds everything well and the administration good. He directs that the canons always wear their cloaks in choir; that silence be observed in proper places, and that suspect women be not allowed access to cloister or other places.

Visitationes reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini Ricardi Assavensis episcopi et abbatis de Schapp, incepte in monasterio de Egliston x. die Aprilis, anno Domini M°CCCCLXXX secundo, et consecrationis dicti reverendissimi patris anno decimo. A. fol. 25 b.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXII., mensis Aprilis die decimo, Nos Ricardus etc., visitavimus monasterium de Egliston nostri dicti Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis. Et inquisitione facta secreto et singillatim ab omnibus confratribus dicti monasterii, comperimus spiritualia et temporalia ad Dei laudem et Ordinis honestatem, salutifero conductu abbatis directa, et confratres hujus monasterii veros obedientie filios, et ei ardentissimo amore in omnibus obtemperantes. Attamen in quibusdam observanciis quedam reformanda comperimus, videlicet ut nullus claustralium intret[1] chorum, presente conventu, sine capis suis canonicis,[2] sub pena contemptus. Et ut in locis deputatis conservent silencium, sub pena statuti, sine aliqua remissione delinquentibus inponenda. Inhibemus etiam sub pena excommunicationis majoris ne mulieres de incontinencia seu furto suspecte[3] claustrum seu aliqua alia loca frequentant, aut cum canonicis colloquium se[u] concursum habeant,

[1] MS. has *intrent.* [2] MS. has *canonibus.* [3] MS. has *suspectas.*

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presertim de villa Bernacastell, seu aliquis alius male gubernationis. Comperimus insuper[1] Wyllelmum Burton pignorasse et in vadium posuisse tres libros, cui injunximus ut infra septem dies suo prelato restituat, sub pena furti, injungentes ei vii. psalmos penitenciales. Et abbatem ac conventum absolvimus ab omnibus sentenciis seu aliis ordinis interdictis, injungentes eisdem vii. psalmos penitenciales. In ultima visitatione debuit dictum monasterium xx.ti.; et in presenti modo vero predictam summam. In necessariis aliis ad sufficienciam stauratum. Datum etc.

1482. **402. Names of the Community.**

A. fol. 43 b. Hec sunt nomina canonicorum nostri Ordinis per circariam Anglie, sicuti fuerunt in visitacione Ricardi Assavensis episcopi et Abbatis Monasterii de Schappa predictam visitacionem suam incipientis in monasterio de Egliston die mensis Aprilis anno Domini M°CCCCLXXX secundo.

Dominus Robertus Ellerton, abbas.
Frater Willelmus Sargandson, prior.
,, Robertus Brysby.
,, Thomas York.
,, Jacobus Aldurson.
,, Johannes Alen.
Frater Wyllelmus Banke, circator.
,, Bagley.
,, Thomas Walkar.
,, Thomas Burton.
,, Thomas Spensar.
,, Wyllelmus Westerdall.

[1] MS. has 'insuper *quod*' &c.

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403. Names of the Community and Visitation of Eggleston. **30 August, 1488.**

Bishop Redman orders that the canons who serve outside the monastery shall wear the canon's cloak, when with the community. Silence is badly kept, and that breach of the law is to be punished. Canons are not to go out without their cloaks.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE EGLISTON.

Dominus Robertus Ellerton, abbas.
Frater Westerdall, supprior.
„ Johannes Devyre.
„ Wyllelmus Sardzanson, vicarius de Rukby.
„ Jacobus Aldusson, circator, de Argazt.[1]
„ Willelmus Banke de Ellerton.
„ Johannes Bagley de castro Richmond.
Frater Thomas Walkare, vicarius de Sterford. A. fol. 81 b.
„ Thomas Spenser.
„ Thomas Wakfeld.
„ Willelmus Hall.
„ Johannes Ridmare.
„ Johannes Aychew.
„ Thomas Tollarton.
„ Johannes Belcere, novicius.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE EGLISTON.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXVIII., penultimo die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore dicti nostri monasterii de f. 82.
Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Egliston, nostri dicti Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi deformitatem habitus ibidem comperimus, videlicet omnes extra celebrantes in choro et in capitulo sine capis claustralibus se interesse non verebantur, quare eisdem districte precipimus ut quilibet eorundem sibi capam ordinari faciat, ut cum intus venerint cum ceteris secundum ordinem uniformiter de cetero appareant. Maximam dissolucionem silencii ibidem conspeximus, quod in melius reformari de cetero, sub pena

[1] See p. 215, *note* 6.

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statuti, sine aliqua remissione injungenda precipimus. Inhibemus etiam omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus ne foris, cum exierint, sine capa vel ad minus sine amictu, ambulare presumant. Precipimus insuper domino abbati quatinus ad singula beneficia monasterio suo annexa proprios canonicos et non seculares promoveat. In ultima visitacione dicta debuit ecclesia xx. li.; modo vero tantum. In animalibus et ovibus, sed tamen in granis nisi ex provisione, satis stuffata. Datum etc.

13 August, 1491.

404. Visitation of Eggleston.

The visit held at St. Agatha's, the abbot appearing personally, the community by proxy. One canon did not wish to appear, and so fled: he is ordered to meet the visitor at Coverham. Further regulation about the canons' cloaks. The difficulty between the abbot and the vicar of Rokeby was settled, and both parties were bound by oath.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE EGLISTON.

A. fol. 92 b. Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXI, xiii. die mensis Augusti Nos, Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum, ut supra, visitavimus abbatem de Egliston in propria sua persona, et conventum ejusdem per procuratorem, in monasterio Sancte Agathe, nostri Ordinis predicti, eo quod ad monasterium suum personaliter, ut vellemus, accedere ad presens non valemus. Quos diligenter examinantes, et paulo longius ab invicem separatos, comperimus quod quidam frater Thomas Spenser in dicta visitacione subterfugiit, et coram nobis venire noluit, quare domino abbati precipimus quatenus eum citari faciat, ut xv. die mensis predicti in monasterio de Coverham coram nobis ibidem compareat. Dicto domino abbati in mandatis dedimus ut non sinat subditos suos quoquam, nisi ad laborem, sine capis aut claustralibus sive itineralibus discurrere, sub pena contemptus. Insuper quandam controversiam, inter abbatem et vicarium de Rukby, nuper motam in manus nostras recepimus, per nos cum aliis quoscunque voluerimus ad hoc eligere et

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convocare prorsus esse discutiendam et terminandam, ad quod eciam uterque coram venerabili confratre nostro abbate Sancte Agathe super Dei evangelia solempne prestiterunt juramentum. Alia ad presens non comperimus, sed omnia intus et extra laudabiliter et utiliter sunt gubernata, et licet quoddam molendinum edificaverit de novo cum ceteris reparacionibus, tamen debita non augmentantur, nec aliis [*sic*] animalibus sive pecoribus debilitatur. Et modo sicut in ultima visitacione debet videlicet xx. ti. In granis et omnibus aliis aptissime stuffatum. Datum etc.

405. Names of the Community. **1491.**

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE EGLISTONE.

A. fol. 43 b.

Dominus Robertus Ellertone, abbas.

Frater Willelmus Westerdalle, supprior. } Sacerdotes.
„ Johannes Waykfelde, circator. } Sacerdotes.
„ Johannes Ridmer. } Sacerdotes.
„ Thomas Tollertone. } Sacerdotes.
„ Johannes Askow. } Sacerdotes.
„ Johannes Pelter, novicius.
„ Robertus Bursby, vicarius de Osburne.[1]
„ Willelmus Sardzantsone, vicarius de Rukby.[2]
Frater Thomas Wakar, vicarius de Stratforde.[3]
„ Willelmus Banke tenet cantariam de Ellertone.[4]
„ Johannes Bagley tenet cantariam de Richmunde.
„ Willelmus Halle tenet cantariam de Rumbaldschyrche.[5]
„ Jacobus Awdersone tenet cantariam de Arkylgarthdalle.[6]
„ Thomas Spenser, licenciatus apud Asgyrge.[7]

[1] *I.e.* Great Ouseburn, Yorks. W. R., eight miles from Knaresborough.
[2] *I.e.* Rokeby, Yorks. W.R., three miles from Barnard Castle.
[3] Probably Startforth, Yorks. N.R., two miles from Barnard Castle.
[4] Possibly Ellerton, Yorks. W.R., fourteen miles from Barnsley.
[5] *I.e.* Romald Kirk, Yorks. N.R., six miles from Barnard Castle.
[6] *I.e.* Arkendale, Yorks. W.R., four miles from Knaresbro'.
[7] Probably Askrigg, Yorks. N.R.

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14 May, 1494.

406. Visitation of Eggleston.

Bishop Redman finds that one of the canons has been for a year beyond his licence saying Mass outside. He proposes to treat him as an apostate, but suspends the punishment at the request of the abbot &c. More remarks upon the cloaks. The hoods worn differ in shape.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE EGLISTONE.

A. fol. 121 b. Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXIIII, die mensis Maii xiiii., assumpto nobiscum predilecto nobis in Christo confratre nostro, Roberto Bedalle, canonico et professo nostri monasterii predicti, visitavimus monasterium de Eglistone, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi Thomas Spenser, coram nobis detectus de apostasia, eo quod ultra integrum annum post licenciam sibi a nobis concessam, in seculo sine licencia aliqua celebraverit, in magnum detrimentum anime sue, necnon eciam de furto et hujusmodi criminibus, a nobis impetitus negare minime se procuravit, quibus remedium inferre, prout tenemur, cupientes, sed precibus sui proprii prelati et suorum confratrum devicti penam inde debitam continuavimus, conscienciam tamen ejusdem totaliter absolvendo. Magnam ibidem comperimus deformitatem habitus, videlicet de capuciis itineralium caparum, quam precipimus districte, sub pena contemptus de cetero, secundum formam nostre religionis reformari, celeri temporis protraccione quo possent. Ac insuper aliquam in observanciis et cantu divinorum diversitatem invenimus ibidem, quam quidem stricto sub precepto tam abbati quam subditis dimisimus reformari in melius. Quo eciam ad statum hujus monasterii debet in presente xx. ti., sed ceteris animalibus omnium sexuum, et omnimodis granis laudabiliter exstat provisum, laudabili ejusdem abbatis providencia. Datum etc.

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407. Names of the Community. 1494.

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE EGLISTONE.

A. fol. 115 b.

Dominus Robertus Ellertone, abbas.	Sacerdotes.	Frater Thomas Walkar, vicarius de Stertforth.	Sacerdotes.
Frater Willelmus Westerdalle, supprior.		„ Thomas Spenser.	
„ Willelmus Sarganssone, vicarius de Rukby.		„ Johannes Waykfelde.	
		„ Willelmus Haulle.	
		„ Johannes Redmar.	
		„ Johannes Aschoghe.	
„ Jacobus Aldussone.		„ Thomas Tollertone.	
„ Willelmus Bank.		„ Johannes Pelter.	Professi.
„ Johannes Bagley.		„ Robertus Pectone.	

408. Visitation of Eggleston. 20 April, 1497.

Bishop Redman punishes one of the canons as a party to the death of another in a quarrel. Another canon is excommunicated as an apostate, and the resignation of his benefice to some other canon declared void. Some directions are given about the singing, and the laws about enclosure are to be more strictly enforced.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE EGLISTONE.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXVII., xx. die mensis Aprilis, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum fratre nostro R. B., ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Eglistone, nostri dicti Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi publica referebat fama quod frater Willelmus Haulle consorcio intererat, ubi quidam adversarius ejus nimio conflictu utriusque partis occisus fuerat, et licet nepharium non perpetrasset opus, sed eo invito factum fuerat; ad dicti tamen occisi amicorum pacificandum furorem, et multis aliis causis, injungimus eidem Willelmo Haulle penam gravioris culpe xl. dierum et per septennium ad monasterium de Hales fore emittendum. Ibidem A. fol. 129.

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eciam in dicta lite frater Johannes Wakfelde presens fuit, dicto tamen discrimini non consenciens, sed totis pro viribus suis inter partes pacificans, tamen mente ponderantes facti immanitatem eidem injunximus dictam penam in domo propria perimplendam. Thomam Wakare pro sua apostasia excommunicavimus et excommunicatum discernimus. Et dictus Thomas beneficium suum fratri suo Thome Tollertone resignaverat, contra nostri Ordinis statuta et jura, sub quadam condicione inter eos habita, quam resignacionem irritam discernimus et inanem; precipientes prelato quatenus dictum Thomam revocet ad claustrum, et propter inhabilitatem sciencie compellat resignare. Inhibemus omnibus ne discurrant ad villam de Barnacastell, vel Grethambrige, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, precipientes prelato ne de facili ad hoc tribuat licenciam, nisi magna necessitate et evidenti causa. Et exeuntes precinctum monasterii, licencia non prehabita, tanquam apostate computentur et puniantur, et quociens claustrum sine licencia presidentis exierint, tociens delinquentibus injungatur unum diem in pane et aqua, aliqua sine remissione, si in usum habuerint. Cultellos longos intus vel extra portare inhibemus districte sub pena contemptus. Mandamus omnibus quatenus debite surgant ad matutinas, et obedientes sint suis prelato et presidenti, et antiphona *Regina celi l*[*etare*], [ad] *Magnificat*, et ad offertorium misse de dominica, cotidie toto tempore Paschali cantetur. Status hujus monasterii talis est quod predictus prelatus, ex quo in eodem prefuit, multifarie profuit, et in bestiis, equis, ovibus et ceteris animalibus satis laudabiliter sua sagaci providencia augmentavit; et magis eidem debetur quam aliquibus creditoribus debet. Data, acta, et firmiter decreta, anno, mense, die et loco supranominatis.

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409. Names of the Community. 1497.

NOMINA [CANONICORUM] MONASTERII DE EGLYSTON.

A. fol. 51.

Dominus Willelmus Westerdall, abbas.
Frater Johannes Redmer, supprior.
„ Willelmus Sardgeandson, vicarius de Rukby.
„ Robertus Byrsby, vicarius de Ursburne.
„ Jacobus Aldulson, custos cantarie de Algartha.
„ Willelmus Bank, custos cantarie de Ellerton.
„ Johannes Bagley, custos cantarie de Richmond.

Frater Thomas Spenser.
„ Johannes Waikfeld.
„ Willelmus Hall.
„ Thomas Tollerton, vicarius de Startforth.
„ Willelmus Schaclok } novicii sed professi.
„ Robertus Johnson } novicii sed professi.
„ Willelmus Smyrthnat } nondum professi.
„ Robertus Milneburne } nondum professi.

410. Names of the Community and Visitation of Eggleston. 1 May, 1500.

Bishop Redman finds that many of his orders in last visit have not been attended to. He renews them: the canons are not to carry long knives; they are not to frequent towns, especially Barnard Castle; one canon is confined to the monastery precincts. The canon serving the chantry at Richmond is to be paid sufficiently.

NOMINA FRATRUM CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE EGLISTONE.

A. fol. 144.

Dominus Willelmus Westerdalle, abbas.
Frater Johannes Rydyngere, supprior. } Sacerdotes.
„ Willelmus Sardzandsone, vicarius de Rukby. } Sacerdotes.

Frater Robertus Brysby, vicarius de Osburne. } Sacerdotes.
„ Jacobus Aldersone. } Sacerdotes.
„ Johannes Bagley, capellanus de Richmunde. } Sacerdotes.

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Frater Willelmus Bank, capellanus de Ellertone.	Sacerdotes.
,, Johannes Waikfelde, curatus de Erklaydelle.	Sacerdotes.
,, Wyllelmus Halle.	Sacerdotes.
Frater Thomas Sowrelle, vicarius de Stertforth.	Sacerdotes.
,, Robertus Johnson.	Sacerdotes.
,, Robertus Meburne.	Sacerdotes.
,, Willelmus Skaitlok.	novicii.
,, Willelmus Plummer.	novicii.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini M^mo D^mo, primo die mensis Maii, assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro, ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Eglistone, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis; ubi plura ultima visitacione ibidem reliquimus precepta, que ad presens plenarie non comperimus observata; videlicet ut nulli fratrum ibidem intus et extra liceat longos portare cultellos, sicuti inhibemur statutis. Et hoc presens per decretum iterata vice omnibus et singulis inhibemus, sub pena excommunicacionis majoris. Inhibemus insuper eisdem ut non discurrant ad villas vel loca ubi aliqua sinistra eorundem suspicio oriri sive contingere potuerit, presertim ad villam de Barnard Castelle, ad quod abbas de facili licenciam non concedat, nisi ex evidenti et magna necessitate provisa; et inde hec precepta relinquo Willelmo Halle, ne extra monasterium sive precinctum ejusdem quoquomodo presumat exire, sub pena contemptus, certis articulis et periculis nos ad hoc
f. 144 b. multipliciter et animum moventibus, quousque alias || secum fuerit dispensatum. Silencium, et habitum, tonsuram et ad matutinas debite et consueta hora, videlicet noctis medium, resurgere, precipimus observari. Precipimus abbati ut provideat canonico apud cantariam de Richmunde celebranti, secundum composicionem primitus inde confectam, ne de cetero quasi mendicus ubique discurrere compellatur, in nostri Ordinis vilipendium et obprobrium. Predicta ecclesia onere debitorum x. ti. constat onustata, tamen xx.

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marce sibi debentur: in granis et animalibus satis laudabiliter locupletata. Data etc.

411. Visitation of Eggleston. **5 May, 1502.**

Bishop Redman sends the abbots of St. Agatha's and Welbeck to visit with his authority. They find many things of a serious character to correct: quarrels are to cease: the canons are to leave the enclosure only with leave: no boys are to sleep in the dormitory: the abbot is not to mortgage &c. the property without the consent of his convent.

[VISITATIO DE EGLESTONE.]

Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo secundo, quinto vero die mensis Maii, Nos Willelmus, Dei paciencia, abbas monasterii Sancte Agathe, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis, et Robertus, ejusdem paciencia, abbas monasterii de Welbek, dicti Ordinis et diocesis, auctoritate reverendi in Christo patris et domini Domini Ricardi Eliensis episcopi, abbatis de Schappare, ac reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini Domini Johannis, Dei et Sancte Sedis Apostolice gracia Premonstratensis abbatis, commissarii unici et generalis, plenissima potestate legitime deputati, visitavimus filialem nostram ecclesiam de Eglistone, nostri dicti Ordinis, Eboracensis diocesis. Et plura ibidem comperimus enormia de fratribus dicte ecclesie detecta, eadem publica circumquaque referente infamia, tam in capite quam in membris, que penes nos in scriptis retinemus usque proximam visitacionem, ex emendacione utriusque partis duximus deferenda. Precipientes domino abbati, in virtute sancte obediencie ac sub pena deposicionis, seipsum in melius reformare, fratresque suos debite corrigere, et divinum servicium rite nocte ac die faciat observari, una cum ceteris observanciis religionis super quibus evigilet ut bonus pastor, quatenus vulpis de cetero non invadat gregem. Et omnibus, tam abbati quam ceteris canoniois ibidem, districtissme precipimus sub pena A. fol. 156 b.

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maximi contemptus ut sint unanimes sicuti ordo dictaverit ac decet religiosos: singulorum acta, dicta, querelas, sive detecta prorsus oblivioni tradendo, que quidem in perpetuum silencium ad presens imponimus. Et si quis sive qui aliter presumpserit circa premissa se exhibere nos tanquam rebelles et ordinis prevaricatores ipso facto, presens per decretum, decrevimus, ac sentenciam excommunicacionis majoris se incurrisse. Nulli fratrum licebit septa monasterii exire sine speciali abbatis licencia, sub pena apostasie, et hoc sine maxima necessitate non concedat. Item inhibemus ne pueri jaceant in dormitorio, sub penis infra notatis. Necnon abbas quocunque intus vel extra transierit, unum ad minus fratrum vel duas honestas habeat secum personas sicuti abbaciali convenit dignitati. Tenementa monasterii ad annos non presumat locare, sine consensu fratrum suorum alienare, in morgagium ponere, sive quavis arte inpignorare. Et propter temporis brevitatem, ad presens habere merum calculum vel [statum] monasterii sufficienter capere[1] non potuimus. Idcirco precipimus quatenus infra xiiii dies nobis aut uni tantum nostrorum transmitti faciat. Alia ad presens precipimus coram fratribus observari que in premissis minime inseruntur, tamen observari duximus sub penis prefatis prout hic infra scripta sunt.

[1] MS. has *monasterium sufficienter capo.*

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XVI. HAGNEBY.

HAGNEBY was founded in 1175 from the abbey of Welbeck. It was situated in the county and diocese of Lincoln. The following are the few abbots whose names are known:

t. Ric. I.	John (Harl. Ch. 45, C. 36).
t. John (oc.)	Peter (Cott. Ch. xxvii. 65, 120).
t. Hy. III.	'W.' (Cott. ch. xxix. 72).
1272–1292.	John de Barwe (*Monast.* vi. 891; Cott. Ch. xxvii. 120).
1297 (oc.).	I. . . . (P.R.O. *Anct. Corr.* vol. xlvii. p. 220, No. 124).
1310 (oc.).	William (No. 3).
1316 (oc.).	Walter (*Cal. Cl. Rolls* 10 *Ed. II.* p. 427).
1336–1343 (oc.).	William (No. 32; Harl. Ch. 44, E. 15).
1475–1478.	William Anderby (Nos. 412, 416).
1478–1488.	Robert Alforde (No. 413, 420).
1491–1503 (oc.).	John Baston (Nos. 422, 427).
1536.	Edmund Tofte (*Valor Eccl.* iv. 51).

412. Names of the Community at Hagneby. **6 June, 1475.**

IN MONASTERIO DE HAGNEBY.

Dominus Willelmus Andyrby, abbas.
Frater Robertus Alforde, prior.
Johannes Boston, supprior.
Robertus Halton.
Thomas Cotom, subcellerarius.
Alanus Hanny, refectorarius.
Johannes Croule, sacrista.
Ricardus Hagh.
Johannes Hagham, frater hospitalis.
Johannes Horncastell, cantor.
Johannes Estofft.
Benedictus Boston.
Ricardus Taynton.

A. fol. 6.

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19 October, 1475.

413. Resignation of the Abbot of Hagneby and Election of a successor.

The abbot of Welbeck, as 'pater abbas' *of Hagneby, and the abbot of Barlings, as representative of Bishop Redman, receive the resignation and confirm the election made* 'per viam inspirationis.'

P. fol. 24. (Reg. Prem. f. 50 a.)

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXV., xix. die mensis Octobris, nos, pater Willielmus, Dei patientia, abbas de Welbek, assumpto nobiscum venerabili confratre nostro, ejusdem patientia, abbate de Barlyngs, vicem gerens reverendi patris et D. D. Ricardi Redeman, D. g. Abbatis de Heppa, a Domino Premonstratensi in partibus Anglie commissarii generalis, cum sue plenitudine potestatis specialiter deputati, de cujus dicti reverendi patris Ricardi precepto speciali et mandato, ad ecclesiam istam de Haghneby (que nostra est filia specialis) auctoritate nobis in hac parte commissa, accessimus, ad capiendum et receptandum fratris dicte ecclesie tunc abbatis cessionem et resignationem, qui, non vi neque metu coactus, set spontanea voluntate, sigillum officii sui, et quicquid habuit in prelatione dicte ecclesie, in pleno capitulo, nostris manibus resignavit.

Quo absoluto, ad electionem novi abbatis, occasione predicta, sine dilatione procedentes, invocato prius (omni devotione quam potuimus) Spiritus Sancti gratia, recitatoque capitulo de electione abbatum in Ordine nostro facienda :

tandem placuit omnibus et singulis fratribus ibidem tunc presentibus, a nobis super hoc specialiter requisitis, eidem ecclesie viduate, per viam [inspirationis] Spiritus Sancti, de pastore ydoneo providere.

Qua concessa, surgens frater [1] prior ejusdem ecclesie, canonicus, sacerdos, et professus; vice sua, ac vice et nomine omnium confratrum suorum, elegit, nominavit, et postulavit in abbatem et pastorem dicte ecclesie, fratrem . . .[2] virum providum et discretum,

[1] Robert Alford. [2] William Anderby.

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ejusdem ecclesie canonicum, in predicto monasterio || expresse f. 24 b.
professum, in sacri sacerdotii ordine constitutum; de legitimo matrimonio procreatum, legitime etatis, et literature sufficientis. Quem electum, et [quam] electionem, auctoritate nostra paterna, humiliter a nobis petiit confirmari.

Et nos quidem, tam super electione, quam super electa persona, facta examinatione diligenti; nulloque vitio in eisdem invento; in presentia venerabilis dicti abbatis, ipsam electionem rite et canonice celebratam, ac ipsum electum, laudavimus, approbavimus, et confirmavimus ut decebat.

Peractisque omnibus que ad electionem et confirmationem pertinebant, fratres ipsius ecclesie omnes et singuli una voce consonantes, *Te Deum laudamus* cantaverunt, suum electum ad ecclesiam deportando; quem nos, cum omni solempnitate et reverentia que decuit, secundum consuetudinem Ordinis nostri, installavimus; ac ipsum installando in possessionem dicte ecclesie, cum omnibus pertinentiis suis, induximus corporalem, campanas ejusdem ecclesie in manibus suis tradendo.

Et premissis omnibus sic rite completis, nobis et omnibus dicte ecclesie fratribus ad capitulum iterato reversis, surrexerunt omnes et singuli dicte ecclesie professi, et dicto electo (clavibus singulorum officiariorum ad pedes ejus depositis) obedientiam fecerunt manualem. Deinde, osculo pacis omnibus et singulis fratribus suis dato, sigilloque administrationis sue per nos sibi tradito; assurgentes omnes, capitulum exierunt, Deo gratias referentes.

In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem, sigillum nostrum una cum sigillo dicti venerabilis in omni processu nostro predicto assidentis, necnon et sigillum commune ipsius ecclesie supradicte, unanimi assensu totius conventus ipsius concurrente, presentibus sunt appensa.

Data in dicta ecclesia de Haghneby, anno, die, et mense supra dictis.

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1478. **414. General Answers to Visitation Questions at Hagneby.**

P. fol. 25. (Reg. Prem. f. 116 b.)

Cenobium de Hagneby,
in [comitatu et]
diocesi Lincoln.
anno Domini MCLXXV.
[ab Agnete de Orreby] fundatum est,
in honore S. Thome Martyris.
Abbas de Welbek est pater abbas.
Unam habet ecclesiam;
cujus canonicus est vicarius, set non perpetuus.
Dominus Whellys est fundator [sive patronus].

6 June, 1478. **415. Visitation of Hagneby.**

All in the best order. In lesser observances, ceremonial matters to be attended to. Silence to be observed: the rector chori to be present daily at High Mass and Vespers. Before next general Chapter the Abbot is to provide clothing for each priest, as was ordered by the Chapter. After daily Mass certain prayers to be recited. All are to show reverence everywhere to the late abbot, Wm. Anderby. As to temporals everything in good order.

VISITACIO DE HAGNEBY.

A. fol. 13. Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXVIII°, mensis Junii die vi^to^, Nos Ricardus etc., visitavimus monasterium de Hagneby, nostri Ordinis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ubi comperimus caritatem, unitatem et pacem inter abbatem et suos subditos, ac monasterium illud notabiliter directum, tam in spiritualibus quam in temporalibus, et fama peroptime ditatum.[1] Nostra correcione digna nulla sentimus, aut generali Capitulo referri. Quedam tamen in melius reformanda in minoribus observanciis oculariter inspecta decrevimus: ut

[1] MS. has *ditatur*.

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profunde usque ad genua inclinent fratres, in omnibus inclinacionibus suis, tam ad Sacramentum quam alibi in choro, et cum magna reverencia similiter ad prelatum. Et pro silencio in locis ad hoc deputatis, puniantur delinquentes pena statuti, sine aliqua remissione. Sit etiam cotidie in choro matutinis, missa majori et vesperis rector chori. Et ante proximum generale Capitulum provideat abbas pro pensionibus xx^{ti} solidos solvendos cuilibet sacerdoti ratione vestitus sui, ut decretum est auctoritate generalis Capituli, sub pena sentencie in dicto Capitulo late. Et dicta missa, cotidie quilibet sacerdos dicat evangelium *Missus est* et *Exurgens Maria* etc., sub pena contemptus. Et reverenciam deferant fratres intus et foris venerabili viro Willelmo Andyrby, nuper abbati ejusdem monasterii. Quoad statum monasterii, omnia integra, prospera, et cum habundancia staurata, nullis debitis obligata, sed tanta debita debentur eidem monasterio. Datum etc.

416. Names of the Community. **1478.**

HAGNEBY.

Dominus Wallys est fundator: Abbas de Welbek pater abbas. Unam habet ecclesiam, cujus canonicus est vicarius, sed non perpetuus. Fundatum erat dictum monasterium in honore sancti Thome martiris, anno Domini M° C LXXV^{to}. A. fol. 19 b.

Frater Willelmus Anderby, nuper abbas.
,, Johannes Boston, supprior.
,, Robertus Halton.
,, Thomas Cotom, vicarius.
,, Alanus Hannay, custos tannarie.
,, Johannes Crowle, cellerarius.
Frater Ricardus Hagh, subcellerarius.
,, Johannes Horncastell, sacrista.
,, Johannes Hagham, hospitalarius.
,, Johannes Estofft, refectorarius.
,, Benedictus, subsacrista.
,, Ricardus Taynton.

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17 July, 1482.

417. Visitation of Hagneby.

Bishop Redman finds all in a good state. The administration of temporals has been excellent, and the abbot was seconded by the brethren. Some small observances to be attended to: the abbot to find yearly 20s. for each canon for clothing: the Church services to be as in the ordinal.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE HAGNBY.

A. fol. 29.

Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXXII., xvii. die mensis Julii, Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Hagnby, nostri Ordinis, Lincolniensis diocesis. Et nostra diligenti inquisicione premissa super utroque statu, prout moris est, quod notam criminis sapiebat minime ibidem comperimus corrigendum, seu Capitulo generali referendum. Quedam tamen oculariter in melius reformari conspicientes, super quibus in mandatis dedimus, videlicet ut conventus semper, in claustro et extra, suis utantur amictibus, nisi quando magno instant labori. Quelibet eciam septimana de sancta Maria cantetur, tam infra octavas sanctorum quam extra, certis anni temporibus prout in ordinale continetur exceptis. Injunximus insuper dicti monasterii abbati, ut omni delacione postposita, quatinus cuilibet sacerdoti annuatim solvat pro vestitu suo xx. s., prout decretum est auctoritate generalis Capituli dudum celebrati. Omnibus insuper festis duplicibus incensetur majus altare, deinde abbas cum toto conventu, duobus thuribulis; in triplicibus vero tribus thuribulis, secuti satis per ordinale edocemur. Volumus vero nihilominus quod rector chori ad majorem missam presit choro semper, preter in festis solempnibus, si post capitulum celebretur, sin autem cantor solus suo incipiet stallo. Ipsius vero monasterii statum temporalem et spiritualem per abbatis ejusdem prudentissimam circumspeccionem et industriam, et fratrum sub ipso fidele ministerium, pro istorum dierum malorum exigencia solito laudabilius comperimus gubernatum et plurimum emendatum. Debuit dictum [monasterium] xxx. ℔. modo vero minoratur usque ad xx.℔. et eis debetur xxx. ℔. In aliis necessariis optime stauratur.

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418. Names of the Community. 1482.

NOMINA FRATRUM ET CANONICORUM ECCLESIE DE HAGNEBY.

Dominus [Robertus Alford].
Frater Johannes Boston, supprior.
„ Thomas Cotom, subcellerarius.
„ Alanus Hannay.
„ Johannes Crowll, cellerarius.
Frater Ricardus Hagh.
„ Johannes Horncastyll.
„ Johannes Hagham, sacrista.
„ Johannes Estoft.
„ Benedictus, subsacrista.
„ Ricardus Toynton.

A. fol. 45.

419. Visitation of Hagneby. 3 June, 1488.

Bishop Redman gives high praise to the state of the house and the administration. He notes that silence might be better kept and gives some regulations as to the saying of the 'Vigiliæ Mortuorum.'

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE HAGNEBY.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXVIII., tercio die mensis Junii, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedall, canonico et priore dicti nostri monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Hagneby, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ubi nulla alicujus criminis comperimus umbracula, sed subditos patris eorundem obedienter perimplendo precepta, quorum eciam pater omnia ut bonus pastor eisdem ministrat necessaria, in tantum quod utriusque status laus boneque fame diffusius exhibetur eisdem ab universis. Eo quod in aliquo non indiget nostra ibidem reformacio, nisi tantum quod silencium iiii^or^ locis debitis deinceps in melius custodiant, sub pena statuti. Et cum dignum sit quod fundatores omnesque nostri benefactores ut pro beneficiis, que nobis pro nostra sustentacione A. fol. 70 b.

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largiti sunt, hic existentes in terris nostrorum precibus adjuti liberentur a penis; hinc est quod precipimus quatinus omnibus diebus, quibus vigilias mortuorum habere tenemur, cotidie a conventu in choro cum nona deinceps[1] cantentur, nisi grandis labor institerit, vel hora tardior, et tunc in claustro cum omnibus observanciis ad hoc debitis districte dicentur. Status vero hujus monasterii satis habundantissime in cunctis animalibus frugibusque universis, omnibus eciam aliis necessariis, immo cunctis opibus, laudabili ejusdem abbatis providencia, exstat ditatum, et nullo debitorum onere gravatum amplius quam eis debetur. Datum sub sigillo nostro visitatorio, anno, mense, die et loco supradictis.

1488. . . . **420. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII NOSTRI ORDINIS DE HANGNEBY.

A. fol. 70.

Dompnus Robertus Alford, abbas.
Frater Johannes Boston, suprior et sacrista.
,, Thomas Cotom, subcellerarius.
,, Alanus Schage, circator.
,, Ricardus Hagh, custos ecclesie de Hannay.[2]
,, Johannes Horncastyll, cantor.
Frater Johannes Hagham, succentor.
,, Johannes Estoft.
,, Benedictus Smyth, sacrista.
,, Thomas Beseby, subsacrista.
,, Ricardus Toynton, provisor exteriorum.

[1] MS. has *deinces*.
[2] In Lincoln, sometimes called Hannah, seventeen miles from Louth.

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421. Visitation of Hagneby. **31 August, 1491.**

Bishop Redman dispenses two canons from choir observance on account of age and infirmities. He regulates some of the singing, and directs that one of the big bells be always rung at the Elevation of the Mass. The new abbot is praised and gives his obedience to the visitor, as representing the abbot of Prémontré.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE HANGNEBY.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXI, ultimo die mensis Augusti, A. fol. 94 b.
Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum, ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Hangnby, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lyncolniensis diocesis; ubi fratrem Thomam Cotom longo senio in religione per quinquaginta annos confractum et debilem, ab onere chori et omnimodis curis ejusdem nocte aut die exoneravimus. Atque Alanum Hannay propter suam insuper impotenciam et imbecillitatem ab officio et solicitudine tannarie exoneravimus. Injungentes Johanni Estoft, suppriori, et omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus, quod omnes responsiones versiculorum ad *Dirige* sub uno tono et nota de cetero terminentur, sicuti versiculi ad primam et completorium: Nec deinceps executor pro tempore officii commendacionis, capa ad eandem utatur nisi tantum in anniversariis, in presencia funeris, in die animarum, et in crastino sancte Trinitatis, quando omnino major sequitur commendacio. Precipimus eciam quatenus versus sive oraciones post litaniam eisdem modo et forma sicuti illi, qui in processione litaniam cantaverunt, a choro totaliter reincipientur et cantentur, atque in elevacione hostie, tam ad majorem quam minorem [missam], una de majoribus campanis deinceps paululum pulsetur. Aliqua criminosa ibidem non comperimus reformanda, sed omnia tam intus quam extra, novi abbatis providencia, in prospero statu quo intravit exstant provisa, qui nobis ibidem manualem prestitit obedienciam; nec aliquo oneratur debito, sed multo plus debetur ei; in granis et aliis necessariis satis sufficienter usque ad nova stuffata. Datum etc.

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1491. **422. Names of the Community.**

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE HANGNEBY.

A. fol. 113.

Dominus Johannes Bostone, abbas.

Sacerdotes:
- Frater Johannes Estoft, supprior.
- „ Thomas Cotome.
- „ Alanus Hannay, custos tannarie.
- „ Ricardus Hagh.
- „ Johannes Horncastylle, circator.
- Frater Johannes Hagham, subcellerarius et succentor.
- „ Benedictus Bostone, subsacrista et cantor.
- „ Ricardus Toyntone, cellerarius et curatus de Hannay
- „ Thomas Besely, subsacrista.

26 Sept., 1494. **423. Visitation of Hagneby.**

Everything in a good state. One canon is corrected for not saying the Gospel 'Missus est' *after Mass. The cellarer is ordered to render a proper account at least thrice a year to satisfy the abbot and four seniors, which account is to be sent on to the visitor.*

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE HANGEBY.

A. fol. 127 b. Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXXXIIII., xxvi. die mensis Septembris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto nobis in Christo fratre, Roberto Bedalle, canonico et professo monasterii nostri predicti, visitavimus monasterium de Hagneby, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ubi criminosa nulla ibidem sunt inventa; tamen quidam frater, Thomas Besby, coram nobis est prostratus propter evangelium *Missus est* post[1] missam omissum, cui et omnibus ibidem capitulantibus precipimus sub pena contemptus, dictum evangelium cum *Exurgens* ceterisque

[1] MS. has *ante*; but see No. 415.

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pendentibus genu flexo ante altare cotidie dicendum. Districtiusque mandamus inclinaciones profunde prout opertet fieri. Ulteriùs quoque precipimus quatenus cellerarius dicti monasterii sanum compotum et merum calculum coram abbate et iiii^or^ senioribus infra iiii^or^ dies proxime sequentes faciat, quod dictus abbas nobis ad monasterium de Barlynges, penultimo die instantis mensis Septembris, transmittere [1] non omittat, sub pena contemptus; atque deinde ter ad minus in anno, de omnibus in quibus sibi cura committitur, coram abbate et iiii^or^ senioribus, de cetero veraciter faciat, sicuti conscienciam suam coram Summo et districto Judice exonerari voluerit. Debita autem ejusdem ecclesie extendunt ad summam xx^tl^ ti. In animalibus atque ceteris pecudibus omnium aliorumque [*sic*] plus solito multiplicantur, dicti abbatis et fratrum ejusdem [cura] etc. Datum sub sigillo etc.

424. Names of the Community. **1494.**

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE HANGEBY.

A. fol. 119 b.

Dominus Johannes Bostone, abbas.
Frater Johannes Estoft, supprior.
„ Thomas Cotome.
„ Alanus Hannay.
„ Ricardus Hagh.
„ Johannes Horncastelle, circator.
„ Johannes Hagham, subcellerarius.
Frater Benedictus Bostone, cantor.
„ Ricardus Toyntone, cellerarius.
„ Thomas Beseby, sacrista.
„ Simon Bratoft, } novicii.
„ Robertus Bostone, } novicii.

[1] In MS. *transmitti.*

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8 Sept., 1497. **425. Names of the Community and Visitation of Hagneby.**

Bishop Redman finds some minor observances to correct. Silence should be observed better. The cellarer is to give his accounts to the abbot and four seniors, as commanded at last visitation.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE HAGNEBY.

A. fol. 134 b.

Dominus Johannes Bostone, abbas.
Frater Johannes Estoft, supprior.
,, Thomas Cotome.
,, Ricardus Hagh.
,, Johannes Horncastelle, circator.
,, Johannes Hagham, subcellerarius.
,, Benedictus Bostone, cantor.
Frater Ricardus Tontane, cellerarius.
,, Thomas Beseby, sacrista et custos tannarie.
,, Symone Bratoft.
,, Robertus Bratoft.
,, Robertus Bostone.
,, Willelmus Lowth.
,, Johannes Suttone.

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXXVII., viii. vero die mensis
f. 135 Septembris, || Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedalle, etc., visitavimus monasterium de Hagneby, nostri dicti Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ubi minores observancias ad vesperas in duplicibus minus debite observari comperimus, quas in melius secundum instituta nostre religionis reformari precipimus. Necnon omnia et singula ultimo provinciali Capitulo edita et decreta, tam ex parte abbatis quam conventus, mandamus sub pena contemptus diligenter observari. Non modicam ibidem silencii invenimus deformitatem, quam quidem, secundum statuti penam, reformari precipimus. Ulteriusque preceptum districte dedimus prelato quatenus cellerarium ter in anno, prout in ultimo decreto fuerat ordinatum, de omnibus que sibi committuntur faciat computizari, coram se,

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suppriore, et tribus vel quatuor de senioribus domus, vel saltem semel in anno ad minus [*sic*]. Debita que extenderunt ad summam xx.ti. ultima nostra visitacione, presenti tamen ad summam x.ti. minorantur. In animalibus atque pecudibus plus solito sunt provisi. In granis vero satis sufficienter. Datum sub sigillo etc.

426. Names of the Community and Visitation of Hagneby. **11 Nov., 1500.**

Bishop Redman orders all the feasts commanded by the last provincial Chapter to be kept, and its decrees to be inserted in the registers. Silence should be better kept: the abbot to provide some place for the sick.

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE HANGEBY.

A. fol. 154 b.

Dominus Johannes Bostone, abbas.
Frater Johannes Estoft, supprior.
,, Ricardus Hawghe.
,, Benedictus Bostone, cantor.
,, Ricardus Toyntone, cellerarius.
Frater Thomas Beseby, custos tannarie.
,, Robertus Morpethe.
,, Symon Bryatoft, subcellerarius.
,, Willelmus Lowthe.
,, Robertus Bostone.
,, Johannes Suttone.
,, Thomas Alnwyk.

Anno Domini M.V^{c}, xi. die mensis Novembris, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum, ut supra, visitavimus monasterium de Hagneby, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Lincolniensis diocesis; ubi domino abbati et fratribus ejusdem districtissime precipimus, sub pena maximi contemptus et excommunicacionis majoris, quatenus omnia festa cum ceteris decretis ultimo provinciali Capitulo edita, et decreta faciat observari et suis libris inseri et ascribi; suosque officiarios coram se, infra festum Natalis Domini proxime futurum, debita circa officia sibi commissa faciat computare, quem computum ad proximum provinciale Capitulum nobis afferre non omittat. Silencium, sub pena statuti, precipimus districtissime reformari. Domumque competentem pro infirmis

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precipimus abbati ordinare et infirmis quibuscunque benigne faciat in omnibus necessariis ministrari. Necnon eciam deinceps precipimus quatenus conventus pro servicio domini Thome Fitz Willelmi, secundum suam ultimam voluntatem, sint contenti qualibet septimana (ad quod faciendum assigna[mus] suppriorem cum cellerario), cum sufficienti summa pecunie eisdem assignata.
f. 155. Dicta || ecclesia a debitis est aliena. In granis et animalibus laudabiliter provisa. Data etc.

11 October, 1503. **427. Names of the Community and Visitation of Hagneby.**

A fragment only, with only the formal beginning of the record of visitation.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE HAGNEBY.

A. fol. 61.

Johannes Boston, abbas.
Frater dominus Johannes Estoft, supprior et custos domus tannarie.
Dominus Benedictus Boston.
,, Thomas Besebe.
Dominus Symon Celer.
,, Robertus Boston.
,, Willelmus Louth.
,, Johannes Sutton.
,, Thomas Anwik.

Anno Domini millesimo quingentesimo 3°, undecimo vero die mensis Octobris, Nos Ricardus, permissione divina Eliensis episcopus, abbas monasterii beate Marie Magdalene de Schappa, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Karliolensis diocesis, Reverendissimi in Christo patris et domini Johannis, Dei et Sancte Sedis Apostolice gracia Premonstratensis abbatis, tocius Anglie, Wallie, Scocie et Hibernie visitator et reformator generalis, plenissima potestate legitime et literatorie sufficienter deputatus, assumpto nobiscum dilecto filio nostro magistro Thoma Lucas, in decretis baccalario, canonico et sacerdote nostri antedicti monasterii, visitavimus monasterium de Hagneby, nostri Ordinis, Lincolniensis diocesis, in qua visitacione plurima comperimus . . . [*Here the entry breaks off abruptly.*]

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XVII. HALES OWEN.

HALES OWEN, in the county of Shrewsbury and the diocese of Worcester, was founded from Welbeck in 1218. Of the abbots the names of the following are known:

1218.	Roger, the first abbot (Addy's *Beauchief*, p. 57).
1229.	Gilbert (Cal. Rot. Cl. 13 H. III. p. 231).
1232.	Richard (Nash, ii.; *Journal of Arch. Assoc.* xxxiv. p. 346).
1245–1251 (oc.).	Richard (Cal. Chart. Rolls, i. 287, 362).
post 1251.	Henry Branwick, who came from Titchfield (*Journal &c. ut sup.*).
1276.	Thomas de Leche (ibid.).
1277–1298.	Nicholas (Nash and ibid.).
1299.	John (*Journal &c. ut sup.*).
s.d.	William (ibid.).
1306–10.	Walter de Hagge (No. 3.)
1314.	Bartholomew (*Journal, ut sup.*; No. 429).
1327–1343.	Adam de Bermingham or Thomas (ibid.; *Mon.* vi. 928; Harl. Ch. 44, E. 15).
1366–1369.	William de Bromsgrove (*Journal, ut sup.*).
1369–1391.	Richard de Hampton (ibid.; Cal. Rot. Pat. 14 Rich. II.)
1391.	John de Hampton (ibid.).
1395–1420.	John de Poole (ibid.).
1432.	Henry de Kidderminster (ibid.).
1443.	John Derby (ibid.).
1443.	William Hemell (ibid.).
1446–1482 (oc.).	John Derby (Nos. 430, 437).
1485–1505.	Thomas Brigge (*Journal ut sup.*; No. 438).
1505.	Edmund Grayne (ibid.; No. 447).
1533–1539.	William Taylor (Add. Ch. 7391).

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1310. **428. Mandate to Visit Hales Owen.**

Adam, abbot of Prémontré, orders the abbots of Langdon and Dale to go with the abbot of Welbeck to make the visitation of Hales Owen.

(*See Vol. I., No.* 95.)

17 June, 1322. **429. Resignation of Bartholomew, Abbot of Hales Owen, and appointment of a Successor.**

The community decided to proceed 'per viam compromissi,' *but the electors could not agree. On this the abbot of Welbeck, as the* 'pater abbas,' *acting on the authority of the Abbot of Prémontré, appointed Thomas de Lecke and installed him.*

A. fol. 25. (Reg. Prem. f. 23 a.)

Anno Domini MCCCXXII, in festo S. Botulphi, abbatis, nos frater J.[1], abbas de W[elbek]; pater abbas ecclesie de Hal[es-Owen] una cum venerabili fratre, domino abbate de T., visitavimus dictam ecclesiam nostram filialem, auctoritate domini Premonstratensis nobis in hac parte specialiter commissa; in qua, lecta commissione nostra, frater . . .,[2] abbas prefate ecclesie, coram nobis et dicto fratre abbate de T. comparens, suam impotentiam et ad regendum insufficientiam allegando, ab onere et cura sui regiminis devotissime petiit absolvi; et hoc instantia magna. Nos vero, per inquisitionem a toto conventu prius factam, dicti abbatis cessionem et resignationem, tam sibi quam ecclesie predicte, videntes tam utilem quam necessariam; ipsum a cura predicta, de consilio abbatis predicti, absolvimus.

Vacante sic insuper monasterio de Hal[es Owen] predicto, nos J. dictus abbas de W[elbek] juxta consuetudinem et modum Ordinis nostri, canonicis monasterii predicti ibidem tunc presentibus, diem sabbati proximo tunc sequentem ad providendum eidem monasterio de pastore ydoneo, necnon ad eligendum futurum abbatem, assignavimus.

[1] John de Nottingham (1322–1335).
[2] Probably Abbot Bartholomew (1314–1322).

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Quo die vero sabbati adveniente, lecto statim publice statuto Ordinis de modo electionis celebrande, et Missa de Spiritu Sancto a dictis canonicis celebrata; convenientibus in domo capitulari ejusdem monasterii omnibus et singulis canonicis supradictis, una nobiscum ac domino de T. abbate memorato, ad regendam dictam electionem juxta modum et consuetudinem Ordinis nostri; et ympno *Veni Creator*, cum magna devotione decantato, denuntiatisque eisdem formis electionem per quas, juxta consuetudinem Ordinis nostri, foret procedendum; et consequenter habita deliberatione inter dictos canonicos una nobiscum per quam formam esset in negotio || hujus electionis procedendum; f. 26 b.

tandem complacuit omnibus et singulis canonicis supradictis, per viam compromissi, dicto monasterio de futuro abbate providere; nobis in hoc assensum prebentibus, prefati canonici omnes et singuli, unanimiter, nullo penitus discordante, fratribus Henrico de B. priori, etc., dederunt plenam et liberam potestatem ad eligendum futurum abbatem, de se vel aliis confratribus suis aut alterius nostri Ordinis ecclesie gremio.

Ipsi vero, recepta hujus potestate et in loco ab aliis separato congregati, ibique habito tractatu patrum multiplicium, in nullam personam ydoneam potuerunt concordare.

Qua quidem discordia nobis intimata; ac supra jure eidem monasterio de aliqua ydonea persona providendi ac ad officium pastorale exercendi sufficienter ad nos devoluto,

de certo interposito, fratrem T. de Lech,[1] de consensu abbatis predicti, ac etiam majoris de conventu domus nostre filialis supradicte, licet invitum et plurimum renitentem, auctoritate qua supra, creavimus abbatem.

Statim vero postea multi de canonicis predictis dictum fratrem T., sic per nos in abbatem creatum, inter se arripientes, et *Te Deum* alta voce decantando, a dicto capitulo usque in chorum dicti monasterii adduxerunt;

quo quidem prius finito, nos eidem T. fratri primum stallum

[1] Thomas de Leche or Thomas de Birmingham.

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in choro, auctoritate paterna, assignavimus, et posuimus realiter in eodem, secundum consuetudinem Ordinis nostri; et ipsum installando, in possessionem dicte ecclesie cum omnibus suis pertinentiis induximus corporalem.

Et statim postea omnes canonici prefati et singuli eidem fratri T. (sic per nos, ut premittitur, in abbatem creato et installato, ac in loco suo in capitulo posito et adhuc existenti) obedientiam, tanquam abbati suo, sponte et humiliter fecerunt manualem.

In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem, sigillum, etc.

1475. **430. Names of the Community at Hales Owen.**

IN MONASTERIO DE HALES OWEN.

A. fol. 5 b.

Dominus Johannes Derby, abbas.
Frater Henricus Eggebaston, prior.
Thomas Nechyl, supprior.
Magister Johannes Combar, vicarius de Walsall.
Rogerus Horburne, metrista.
Ricardus Kydurmynster. } Presbiteri.
Ricardus Hulle, vicarius de Hales. } Presbiteri.
Johannes Hay, vicarius de Clent. } Presbiteri.

Thomas Bromesgrove. } Presbiteri.
Thomas Brygge. } Presbiteri.
Johannes Saundurs. } Presbiteri.
Johannes Wrakforden. } Presbiteri.
Thomas Cokseye. } Presbiteri.
Ricardus Wenlok. } Novicii.
Johannes Hales. } Novicii.
Eduardus Clareley. } Novicii.
Johannes Seede. } Novicii.
Ricardus Walsale. } Novicii.
Ricardus Worfelde. } Novicii.

1478. **431. General Answer to Visitation Questions.**

P. fol. 29. (Reg. Prem. f. 116 b.)

Cenobium de Hales Owen.
in [comitatu Salop, et]
diocesi Wygornie,
anno Domini MCCXVIII.

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[a domino Petro de Rupibus, episcopo[1] Wyntonie] fundatum est;

in honore B. Marie Virginis ad festum Assumptionis, et S. Johannis Evangeliste.

Abbas de Welbek est pater abbas.

Et sexto kalendas Maii, feria quinta, eodem anno, venerunt canonici de Welbek ad monasterium de Hales.

Filia ejus est cenobium de Tychfeilde.

Tres habet ecclesias; [viz. Hales, Walsall, et Clent]

quarum canonici sunt vicarii perpetui.

Episcopus Wyntonie est fundator [sive patronus].

432. Visitation of Hales Owen. **21 May, 1478.**

Bishop Redman finds two canons charged with incontinence; one is found guilty and punished (the punishment being mitigated at the request of the abbot and community), the other clears himself. Complaints are made about the quality of the bread, and the visitor orders a better kind; he commands the statutes of last provincial Chapter to be observed.

VISITACIO DE HALES OWEN.

Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXVIII°, mensis Maii die xxi°, Nos Ricardus etc., visitavimus monasterium de Halesowen, nostri dicti Ordinis, Wigorniensis diocesis, diligenter ex officio nostro inquirentes et examinantes de utroque statu dicti monasterii, et que per nos fuerint reformanda: ubi comperimus fratrem Johannem Sandours de incontinencia detectum et apostasia, de quibus impetitus confessus est crimen apostasie; et de incontinentia defecit in purgacione sibi assignata, emissus igitur fuerat per sentenciam diffinitivam pro triennio ad monasterium de Cokyrsand, penam gravioris culpe ibidem sustinere et incarcerari, secundum effectum statutorum de talibus ordinatorum. Tamen, ad intercessionem sui A. fol. 10 b.

[1] MS. has *milite episcopo.*

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proprii prelati et confratrum suorum, speciali requisito, decrevimus eum dictam penam gravioris culpe subire in monasterio de Dale, et octoginta diebus elapsis revertere ad suum monasterium. Frater Thomas Coksey de incontinencia detectus, et superinde examinatus, negavit crimen et septima manu legitime se purgavit. De querela nobis conquesta, videlicet de pane insufficienti, non de frumento
f. 11. sed de aliis granis confecto, || ministris altaris Christi minus congruo et inhonesto, remedium apponere curantes, satis intelligentes facultatem ecclesie, ordinavimus per decretum, onerantes dominum abbatem et suos officiarios reformare, emendare et conficere panem conventualem de frumento honesto, et congruum sacerdotibus, eo quod nil aliud gaudent preter solum victum et vestitum, et hoc sub pena maximi contemptus. Et quia dictus abbas et conventus aliquantulum se diverterunt, et minime intenderunt salutaribus constitutionibus et ordinacionibus provincialis Capituli ultimi civitate Lincolniense celebrati, ordinavimus et in mandatis dedimus dictis abbati et conventui, ut metuendam sententiam excommunicationis majoris in dicto Capitulo latam, et per nos in presenti visitacione iterato promulgatam, evitare intendunt et censuras deprivacionis officiorum et beneficiorum evadere volunt, et ne superinde celebrantes ascribantur irregulares, plane, publice et distincte fideliter obediant, compleant et in se confirment, omnia et singula in dicto Capitulo ordinata, quam cito commode poterunt, sed presertim a festo Sancti Michaelis proxime futuro, omni colore [dilationis] postposito. Et in festo Corporis Christi et per octavam, responsoria et versiculi ad primam et horas cantentur cum *Alleluia*, sicut in Paschali tempore. Alia non comperimus corrigenda seu merito Capitulo generali referenda, sed ex abbatis laudabili provisione et circumspecta providencia omnia integra conservantur; nullis obligata debitis dicta ecclesia, sed habundancia frugum cum necessariis pro tam pauperculis Christi ministris relevaturis. Datum sub sigillo nostro commissionali, anno, mense, die et loco supradictis.

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433. Names of the Community of Hales Owen. 1478.

NOMINA CANONICORUM MONASTERII DE HALESOWEN,

Wigorniensis diocesis, in visitacione reverendi patris Ricardi Assavensis episcopi, anno Domini M°CCCCLXXVIII°.

Episcopus Wintoniensis fundator est dicti monasterii. Abbas de Welbek est pater abbas. Tres habet ecclesias, quarum canonici sunt vicarii perpetui. Et fundatum erat dictum monasterium honore beate Marie virginis ad festum Assumpcionis, et Sancti Johannis Evangeliste, anno Domini M°CCXVIII°. Et vi. kalendas Maii, feria quinta, eodem anno venerunt canonici de Welbek ad monasterium de Hales. A. fol. 18.

Dominus Johannes Derby, in decretis baccalarius, abbas.
Frater Henricus Eggebaston, prior, celerarius et sacrista.
„ Thomas Nechyll, supprior.
„ Johannes Comber, in decretis baccalarius, vicarius de Walsall.
„ Ricardus Hull, vicarius de Hales.
„ Johannes Hay, vicarius de Clent.
„ Ricardus Kydurmistyr.
„ Johannes Byrmycham. } Novicii non professi.
„ Johannes Tonge. } Novicii non professi.
„ Rogerus Walshall. } Novicii non professi.

Frater Thomas Bromesgrove.
„ Thomas Bryge.
„ Johannes Sawndours, circator.
„ Thomas Cokesey.
„ Ricardus Wenlok.
„ Johannes Hales, cantor.
„ Eduardus Clareley succentor. } diaconi.
„ Johannes Seidde. } diaconi.
„ Ricardus Walsall, subdiaconus.
„ Ricardus Worfelde, accolitus.

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Circa 1480. **434. John, Abbot of Welbeck, to Abbot of Hales Owen.**

A canon, Thomas Bromsgrove, who had apostatised, is penitent and desires to return. This is to beg his abbot to receive him again.

P. fol. 27. (Reg. Prem. f. 103 b.)

Predilecto filio suo et confratri in Christo, eximie discretionis magnique honoris viro, abbati de Hales, salutem et in subditos pusillanimes confortationem, in confractos et infirmos ac male habentes paterne potestatis affectionem cordialiter exhiberi.

Scire velitis, quod frater Thomas Bromysgrove, lator presentium, humili nobis insinuatione monstravit, quod, cum in monasterio vestro, habitum religionis et ordinem suscepisset, instigante humani generis inimico, ad fallaces seculi reversus illecebras (quamvis habitum suum non abjecit) cenobium nihilominus (licet ad tempus) inconsulto reliquit.

Tandem vero ad se reversus, seque in regione dissimilitudinis constitutum esse cognoscens, meliori utens consilio (scilicet, vanitates relinquere et ad viam veritatis desideratus redire, et in monasterio suo, quod stulte reliquit, seu alio nostri Ordinis eidem conveniente, juxta vestre dispositionis arbitrium, que male deliquit deflere).

Inde est quod vestram rogamus caritatem et in Domino exortamus, quatenus (memores illius patris-familias qui filium prodigum, post consumptam luxuriose vivendo substantiam, revertentem recepit; et illius pii pastoris, qui, relictis xcix. ovibus in deserto, errantem centesimam quesivit, et inventam ad caulam in humeris reportavit) filium, qui perierat, inventum, de errore ad viam veritatis, gratia || divina duce reductum, benigne recipiatis (quem nos, utique nostrum ad monasterium nuper venientem, ante recepimus) et post visam suam contritionem, auditamque prius confessionem (de ejus laudabili conversatione, perseverantia et humilitate plurimum congaudentes) exemplo Summi Boni qui cum publicanis et peccatoribus manducavit et bibit; sicuti unum de nostris ipsum tractare curavimus, vosque eundem amodo, salva tua ordinis dis-

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ciplina, misericordius solito tractare curetis; ne in posterum (quod absit) rapacis leonis morsibus, qui circuit querens quem devoret, ulterius exponatur.

Et quicquid circa premissa faciendum deliberaveritis, per latorem presentium seu alium quemcunque, in terminum quantocitius vacare poteritis, nos non certificare tardetis. Ad presens non plura; set, Qui creavit omnia, conservet vos et vestra per tempora longiora.

Johannes,
Abbas de Welbek.

Venerabili et eximie discretionis viro abbati de Hales.

435. Reply of the Abbot of Hales Owen to the previous Letter. **Circa 1480.**

He consents to the request of the abbot of Welbeck.

Reverendissime in Christo Pater et Domine, **P. fol. 28. (Reg. Prem. f. 103 b.)**

Argenteus tue recommendationis fons, benevolo cum subjectionis rivulo, nostre ad reverentie vallem humillimam conderivat.

Paternitati vestre evidentius instilletur, quod venerabiles literas vestras nuperrime nobis directas recepimus, cum ea reverentia que decuit in hac parte. Quibus comperimus vestram paternalem dominationem gratiose fore dispositam erga vestrum continuum oratorem et fratrem nostrum Thomam Bromysgrove, qui nuper, sub cultu nostre religionis, in monasterio nostro, sedulum Deo prebuit obsequium; licet postea, instigante diabolo, relicto tramite vere vie, ad secularem immunditiam, salutis proprie immemor, se reclinavit.

Sed nunc, ex vestro sano consilio, in se reversus, lacrimosis cum suspiriis, aditum religionis inter nos, sicut prius, sibi postulat misericorditer reserari.

Et nos eundem, de perditionis inimico ad cor redeuntem,[1] et, devotis precibus humilique spiritu, misericordiam petentem (cum

[1] S. has *dereuntem*.

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Deus cor contritum et humiliatum non despiciat), in monasterio nostrum admittendum fore decrevimus. Et conservet vos in prosperis filius intemerate Virginis.

Vester totus et semper,
de Hales abbas et minister.

Venerabili patri ac domino domino abbati de Welbek.

13 July, 1482.

436. Visitation at Hales Owen.

Bishop Redman finds all well. The abbot is old and infirm. He begs that the law of silence may be better observed, and punishes one of the canons for neglect; the abbot is urged to send one canon for at least a year to the university.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE HALES OWEN.

A. fol. 26 b. Anno Domini M^mo^CCCCLXXXII., xiii. die mensis Julii, Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Hales Owen, nostri Ordinis, Wigorniensis diocesis, super merum statum monasterii et Ordinis disciplinam debite inquirentes; ubi comperimus honorabilem patrem nimio senio, quod dolendum est, confractum et debilitatum, cum religioso conventu sibi in omnibus cum amore obedienti, spreto potestatis rigore et mediacionis arrepto labore, in
f. 27. vinculo caritatis et pacis || capud et membra sunt cum effectu connexa. Et alia ad presens minime coram nobis sunt prolata aut Capitulo generali referenda, tamen pro majori securitate precipimus priori suisque fratribus quatinus in melius silencium [ret]ineatur, sub pena in statutis nostris inde assignata; proclamando insuper quendam fratrem, nomine [*blank*], pro silencio fracto, injungentes ei unum diem in pane et aqua, remittendo ei disciplinam inde debitam. Precipimus insuper priori et suppriori ut juvenes et novicios in omni virtute et sciencia instruant et informent. In excellenti etiam actu nostre visitacionis instantis firmiter observari decrevimus, et per assensum predicti venerabilis fratris nostri, quatinus transmittat et exhibeat unum de canonicis suis ad studium universale, pro unius anni spacio aut plus, prout sibi viderit

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expedire, suum ad arbitrium eum revocando. Status vero hujus monasterii constat omni laude, prosperitate, et habundancia: laudetur Deus. Et prelati circumspecta provisione ab onere debitorum alienum. Datum etc.

437. Names of the Community at Hales Owen. **1482.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM ET PROFESSORUM MONASTERII DE HALESSE OWEN.

Dominus Johannes Derby, abbas. A. fol. 44.
„ Thomas Nechelys, prior.
„ Henricus Eggebaston, vicarius de Walsall.
„ Ricardus Hull, vicarius de Hales.
„ Thomas Bruge, supprior.
„ Johannes Hay, vicarius de Clent.
„ Ricardus Kydyrmyster.
„ Johannes Sawndyrs.
„ Thomas Cokesay.
Dominus Johannes Sede.
„ Ricardus Bakyn.
„ Johannes Byrmynchame.
Frater Johannes Wyrscetur, diaconus.
„ Rogerus Walsall, diaconus.
„ Wyllelmus Lychfelde, subdiaconus. f. 44 b.
„ Wyllelmus Hales.
„ Johannes Hales.
„ Ricardus Hampton.
„ Wyllelmus Harryes.

438. Election of Thomas Bruges or Bridges as Abbot of Hales Owen. **9 March, 1485-6.**

Election held on the death of John Derby. The community proceeded by compromissum, *and gave power to certain canons to make choice of an abbot during the period from eleven o'clock to one. They chose one of their number, the subprior of the house. The abbot of Welbeck approved the election and installed the new abbot.*

Universis S. matris Ecclesie filiis presentes literas visuris vel audituris, Johannes, Dei patientia, abbas monasterii de Welbek etc. salutem in Domino sempiternam. P. fol. 30. (Reg. Prem. f. 128 b.)

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Universitati vestre per presentes volumus innotescere, quod, vacante nuper ecclesia de Hales-Owen, nostri Ordinis, Wigorniensis diocesis (que est nostra filia specialis), per mortem pie memorie D. Johannis Darby, nuper abbatis ejusdem, ipsiusque corpore ecclesiastice tradito sepulture; ne, ex vacatione diutina, ipsa ecclesia gravia sustineret incommoda, secundum nostri Ordinis privilegia et statuta, fratribus dicte ecclesie sic vacantis, diem visitationis et electionis novi abbatis in eadem celebrande, [viz.] nonum diem mensis Martii, assignavimus; discernentes fratres absentes qui deberent, et electionis negotio supradicte commode interesse possent, ad predictos diem et locum solicite esse convocandos.

Quo die, Missa de Spiritu Sancto ante omnia, ut moris est, celebrata, nobisque una cum venerabili confratre nostro domino Thoma, abbate de Bewcheffe, ut in dictarum electionis et visitationis negotio nobiscum assideret, specialiter vocato; fratribusque dicte ecclesie universis in domo ipsius capitulari convenientibus; frater Thomas Bruges, supprior predicte ecclesie, mandato ab eis specialiter sibi facto, monuit, ut omnes et singuli excommunicati, suspensi, vel interdicti (si qui essent) capitulum exirent et recederent, alios eligere libere permittentes; protestando expresse, quod intentionis sue et fratrum dicte ecclesie non esset, in presentia talium, ad electionem novi abbatis procedere quoquomodo; ymmo vellent, quod si tales aliqui postmodum reperirentur interfuisse, pro non-habitis processus [forent]; et perlecto capitulo statutorum
f. 30. nostri Ordinis de novo abbate faciendo, || invocata prius S. Spiritus gratia, placuit omnibus et singulis dicte ecclesie fratribus, a nobis super hoc specialiter requisitis, per formam compromissi, eidem ecclesie sue de Hales Owen de abbate futuro providere.

Omnes unanimiter, nullo penitus discordante, dederunt Thome Bruge, Henrico Eghebaston, Ricardo Hylle, Johanni Sawndre, Thome Cokyssay, et Johanni Birmyngham, ecclesie supradicte fratribus et canonicis, plenam, generalem et liberam potestatem, ab hora quasi undecima ante meridiem usque ad horam primam

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post meridiem ejusdem diei, termino duraturo, eligendi novum abbatem, de seipsis vel aliis ipsius ecclesie fratribus, seu de gremio alterius ecclesie nostri Ordinis (prout eis et ecclesie sue predicte magis videretur expediens), ac ipsi ecclesie providendi de eodem; ita tamen, quod, postquam quatuor vel quinque de compromissariis predictis concordes essent de persona idonea in hac parte eligenda, unus ipsorum, de mandato eorundem, vice sua et ipsorum ac totius capituli supradicti, personam illam eligeret in communi, et dicte ecclesie provideret de eadem; promiseruntque universi et singuli, quod ipsum reciperent in abbatem et pastorem, quem ipsi, ut premittitur, duxerunt eligendum.

Dicti vero compromissarii, hujusmodi potestatem eis traditam acceptantes, et in loco ab aliis separato residentes, post diversos tractatus multiplicium personarum; remoto demum ab eis dicto fratre Thoma Bruges, dicte domus suppriore, uno de compromissariis; diligenter inter [se] de persona sua conferentes, divina tandem favente gratia, in ipsum fratrem Thomam Bruges (virum utique providum et discretum, in spiritualibus et temporalibus circumspectum, vita et moribus merito commendandum) vota sua concorditer direxerunt; unde frater Ricardus Hyll, unus compromissariorum predictorum, infra tempus eligendi eis prefixum, vice sua et collegarum suorum predictorum, de mandato ipsorum, ac vice totius capituli de Hales || Owen predicta, predictum fratrem f. 31.
Thomam Bruges in abbatem dicte ecclesie puplice elegit et pastorem, eidemque ecclesie providit de eodem, ostenso nobis prius in secretis nomine et cognomine electi in scriptis; supplicavitque, vice sua et omnium compromissariorum predictorum ac vice totius capituli predicti, humiliter et devote, ut dictam electionem sic rite et legitime factam, auctoritate nostra paterna (prout ad nos spectat) dignaremur confirmare.

Nos vero, consensu dicti electi petito prius et obtento, dictam electionem et personam electam diligenter examinantes, nulloque vitio in eisdem invento, et que in dicta examinatione invenimus in capitulo predicto puplicantos, proclamavimus, ut si quis, contra

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ipsas electionem et personam electam, opponere vellet, termino competenti propósiturus compareret; et licet omnes et singuli quorum intererat presentes fuissent, nullus tamen oppositor in hac parte omnino apparuit; unde ipsum fratrem Thomam Bruges, in abbatem et pastorem dicte ecclesie, rite (ut premittitur) electum, ac electionem ejusdem canonice factam, secundum statuta Ordinis et privilegia, auctoritate nostra paterna, approbavimus, ratificavimus, et tenore presentium confirmavimus.

Quibus peractis, omnes ipsius ecclesie confratres, electionem et confirmationem predictas gratanter acceptantes, ipsum electum et confirmatum ad ecclesiam deportantes, *Te Deum laudamus* solempniter decantaverunt.

Quo quidem decantato, in stallo abbatis ipsius ecclesie installantes, per cordas campanarum in manibus suis prius traditas, ipsum in possessionem ejusdem ecclesie induximus corporalem.

Et nobis ac omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus ad capitulum iterato reversis, singuli dicte ecclesie confratres et professi dicto
f. 31 b. electo (sic per nos confirmato et installato, tradi || toque eidem officii sui sigillo) obedientiam fecerunt manualem, claves officii sui, in signum subjectionis, ad pedes suos ponendo.

In quorum omnium testimonium et fidem, sigillum nostrum, et sigillum venerabilis confratris D. Thome abbatis de Bewchiffe predicta, ac sigillum commune de Halesowen predicta, presentibus sunt appensa.

Datum apud Halesowen sepedictum nono die mensis Martii, anno Domini M.CCCC.LXXXV.

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439. Visitation at Hales Owen. **16 May, 1488.**

The house in an excellent state. Certain feasts ordered by the provincial Chapter at Lincoln are to be observed. The accounts are to be gone into yearly at least before the seniors. The circators in dormitory are to see that the canons do not sleep uncovered.

VISITACIO MONASTERII BEATE MARIE DE HALESOWEN.

Anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXXVIII., xvi. die mensis Maii, A. fol. 67 b. Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Hales, nostri dicti Ordinis, Wigorniensis diocesis, in qua quidem visitacione nihil comperimus nostra correccione dignum, seu Capitulo generali referendum, sed tam in capite quam in membris, quod cum magno cordis gaudio audivimus et recolimus, mutue caritatis invenimus unanimem concordiam, stabilem et jocundam unitatem. Et ejusdem monasterii statum spiritualem et temporalem per providam abbatis gubernacionem, et fratrum laudabiliter et fideliter ministrancium sollicitudinem et laborem, optime gubernatum. Attamen districte injungendo precipimus tam abbati quam suis subditis, ut festum [cognate] beatissime matris Jhesu, Elisabethe, tanquam solempne festum triplicis dignitatis, in crastino octavarum Sancti Johannis Baptiste, cum solempnibus octavis perpetuis temporibus annuatim inviolabiliter celebretur una cum aliis festis, videlicet Sancte Anne, Marthe, Kenelmi, cum aliis de singulis institucionibus et decretis provincialis Capituli anno Domini millesimo CCCCLXXVI., mensis Julii xv. die, in villa Lincolnia celebrati contentis. Et ut quociens versiculus *Sit nomen Domini benedictum* dicatur, tociens in eodem excellentissimum *Ihesum* vocabulum semper interponatur, ad cujus pronunciacionem omnes profunde ad genua se submittent. Precipimus insuper domino abbati, priori, et omnibus confratribus ejusdem monasterii quatinus de cetero major missa, tam diebus festivis quam ferialibus, cotidie post capitulum celebretur, demptis tamen temporibus feni et messis, vel eciam nisi gravis labor alias institerit: et hoc sub pena contemptus. Presens eciam per

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decretum domino abbati mandamus quatinus coram senioribus domus computum tocius status monasterii, ter in anno vel semel reddat ad minus, prout in statutis plenius inde continetur. Priori insuper aliquid in mandatis necessarium duximus addere, ne sit nimis remissus, ut per hoc aliis daretur occasio elacionis. Quia nimia[1] familiaritas parit odium. Inhibemus districte ne aliquis ante capitulum aliquid alimentorum sumat prout in regula Sancti Augustini continetur, nisi cum egrotat, sub pena unius diei in pane et aqua delinquentibus, sine remissione injungenda; et ut prior vel circator noctuanter circuiant et diligenter investigent ne fratres sine tunica, caligis, et zona jacere presumant, sub pena pretacta. Et eciam sub eadem pena districtissime precipiendo mandamus, omnibus dicti monasterii confratribus, infra precinctum existentibus, ut circa noctis medium ad matutinas surgant, ut Deo laudes devotissime et non desidiose persolvant, exceptis hiis cum quibus abbas sua discrecione et officiorum suorum racione dispensaverit. Et Rogerum Walsall, pro sua apostasia peracta, tamen prius digne punita, absolvimus et absolutum et restitutum ad pristinum gradum declaramus. Inhibemus eciam districte ne abbas aliquem canonicorum licenciet pueros de sacro fonte levare. In prima creacione dicti abbatis debuit dicta ecclesia cc. markas, et sic adhuc exstat obligata. Omnibus tamen aliis necessariis domus habundantissime est laudabiliter provisa. Datum etc.

1488. **440. Names of the Community at Hales Owen.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII BEATE MARIE DE HALESOWEN.

A. fol. 66.

Dominus Thomas Brige, abbas.
,, Thomas Nechillys, prior. } Sacerdotes.
,, Johannes Saunders, supprior. } Sacerdotes.
Dominus Henricus Egbaston, vicarius de Walsall. } Sacerdotes.
Frater Ricardus Hull, vicarius de Halesowen. } Sacerdotes.

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Frater Thomas Coksey, prior de Dodford.	Sacerdotes.	Frater Willelmus Hares, cellerarius.	Sub-diaconi.
„ Johannes Sede, vicarius de Clent.		„ Johannes Hales.	
„ Ricardus Bakun, circator.		„ Ricardus Hampton.	
„ Johannes Burmyncham.		„ Johannes Bruge.	Novicii.
„ Willelmus Hales, custos infirmorum.		„ Rogerus Wednesbery.	
		„ Thomas Dudley.	
		„ Rogerus Walsall.	

Et in eodem monasterio in expensis per septimanam quamlibet in pane xx. modios frumenti et siliginis, et iiii^or^ quartaria brassii, et lx. boves per annum, et xl. oves xxxque porcos, et xxiiii vitulos.

441. Visitation of Hales Owen. **15 May, 1491.**

Bishop Redman finds several matters of religious observance to correct. Some directions about the services are given. The canons are not to eat or drink in any house within a league of the monastery. Regulations are given as to the porter's lodge. The abbot is to keep up the woods. Certain women and servants are to be got rid of.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE HALESOWEN.[1]

Anno Domini M°CCCCLXXXXI., die vero mensis Maii xv., Nos A. fol. 9.
Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum dilecto nobis in Christo confratre nostro Roberto Bedall, canonico nostri dicti monasterii de Schappe, visitavimus monasterium de Halesowen, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Wigorniensis diocesis; ubi fratribus Rogero Wednesbury et Ricardo Hales, pro defectu ministracionis coram nobis prostratis, injunximus unum Psalterium post nonam in claustro invicem dicendum. Plura ibidem insuper enormia comperimus in melius consulenda pariter et reformanda, presertim circa divini cultus officia, nostreque religionis observanciam, super quibus domino

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abbati sub virtute salutaris obediencie districte precipimus quatenus super gregem sibi commissum pervigilet et deinceps, studio universitatis relicto, studeat fratres a tramite religionis devios divinis mancipare preceptis. Et precipimus, secundum quod nostris convenit institutis, ut vigilie mortuorum quandocunque contingunt semper in choro cum nota cantentur, [demptis] tribus tantummodo exteris causis in nostris statutis inde editis. Omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus inhibemus ne in domo secularium, infra unam leucam a monasterio distante, commedant aut bibant, sub pena in statutis inde contenta, aut infra monasterium, nisi in locis ab abbate deputatis. Prelatum eciam ejusdem monasterii ex certis et racionabilibus causis multipliciter nos moventibus in Domino
f. 91. exhortavimus, || nihilominusque in mandatis ad hoc dedimus, ut cum consobrino suo in porta manente communicet, quatenus officium portarii sibi concessum dimittat, et aliud dicti monasterii commodum, racione ejusdem ad eundem valorem sibi sub eadem forma concedat. Sed si ad hoc consentire quovismodo noluerit, tunc nil amplius habeat quam quod ex concessione inde facta exigere tenetur et valeat, et secum plures in domo portarii[1] non remaneant, quam quod ceteri qui ibidem predictum officium tenuerunt retinere consueverunt. Precipimus insuper eidem abbati ut in quantum poterit silvas et cuncta nemora conservet, illaque nec vendat aut devastet, sed modo et eadem forma quibus bone et felicis memorie dominus Johannes Derby, predecessor suus, fecit, commode custodiat; et precipimus districte in virtute sancte obediencie dicto domino abbati quatenus quandam mulierem, Margory Coke vocitatam, multipliciter suspectam, cum ceteris mulieribus de malo suspectis, a monasterio suo amoveat et illuc frequenciam habere non permittat. Item precipimus domino abbati ut quendam servum Ed. N., cum dies conduccionis predicti Ed. advenerit, sibi suo soluto stipendio a monasterio eciam exire compellat, certis inde racionabilibus causis consideratis; ceteros ejusdem monasterii con-

[1] MS. has *porte*.

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servos melius solito precipimus deinceps esse de suo stipendio solvendos, prout sacra nos cohortat Scriptura: *Non remaneat apud te merces mercenarii tui usque mane*,[1] quia clamitat ad celum etc. Omnibus eciam dicte ecclesie, tam prelato quam subditis ibidem existentibus, precipimus sub pena excommunicacionis majoris, ne aliqua in hoc negocio nostre visitacionis tractata sive ordinata alicui secularium seu religiosorum cujuscunque status sive condicionis sint, quovismodo revelent. Quos in contrarium attemptantes sive facientes nos, pro tribunali sedentes, ipso facto excommunicatos decernimus et suspensos per presentes. Haud plus ad presens comperimus[2] corrigendum seu reformandum. Et licet in ultima visitacione dictum debuit monasterium cc. markas sive plus, nunc tamen, ejusdem abbatis providencia, quantum nunc debet tantum eidem debetur. In granis et ceteris necessariis domus pauperrime instaurata. Datum sub sigillo nostro visitatorio, die, anno, et loco supra dictis etc.

442. Names of the Community of Hales Owen. **1491.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE HALESOWENE.

Dominus Thomas Bruge, abbas.
Frater Johannes Saundours, prior.
,, Ricardus Bakyne, supprior.
,, Ricardus Hylle, vicarius de Hales.
,, Johannes Hay, vicarius de Clent.
,, Thomas Coksey, prior de Dodforde.
Frater Johannes Seede, vicarius de Walsalle. **A. fol. 142 b.**
,, Rogerus Walsalle.
,, Ricardus Hamptone.
,, Willelmus Harres habet capacitatem.
,, Rogerus Weddnsbery } diaconi.
,, Ricardus Hales } diaconi.

[1] Tob. iv. 15 and Levit. xix. 13.

[2] MS. has *non comperimus*.

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Frater Thomas Dudley	acoliti.	Frater Ricardus Bruge	novicii.
,, Ricardus Whytyntone		,, Johannes Burtone	
		,, Eustachius Boulde	
,, Willelmus Tayler		,, Willelmus Hales	
,, Thomas Derby		,, Willelmus Poolle	

4 June, 1494.

443. Visitation of Hales Owen.

Bishop Redman finds the shape of the tonsure wrong, and orders it to be changed. Complaints are made against the abbot for cutting the woods, but after an inquiry the abbot is shown to have been right. Silence about the visitation is ordered.

VISITACIO MONASTERII DE HELESOWENE.[1]

A. fol. 123. Anno Domini M°CCCC^mo^LXXXXIIII^to^, assumpto prout superius expressum est, die videlicet mensis Junii iiii^to^, Nos Ricardus etc. visitavimus monasterium de Helesowene, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Wigorniensis diocesis; ubi non modicam ibidem tonsure comperimus eorundem deformitatem, quam, secundum formam nostri Ordinis statutorum, precipimus sub pena maximi contemptus minorari et reformari. Ibidem insuper nostras pervenit ad aures de silvis ceduis nuper ab abbate factis, que cunctorum personabat vocibus; super quibus diligenti prehabita hujusmodi inquisicione, intelleximus, quod dictus abbas necessitate ad hoc compulsus, tamen predicta ligna in bonos usus atque utilitatem rei-puplice satis laudabiliter duxit convertenda. Idcirco omnibus nostre religionis confratribus atque professis in contrarium prout premittitur obloqui attemptantibus, sive secreta presentis visitacionis nostre quoquomodo aliquibus revelare volentibus, perpetuum imponimus silencium, atque presens per decretum tanquam rebelles discernimus. Dictusque dominus abbas, super statum dicte ecclesie diligenter

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examinatus, veraciter affirmat nil amplius quovismodo debuisse quam eidem debetur. In omnibus animalibus et universis granis meliori modo quam ante suam creacionem habundanter existit provisa, ipsius abbatis laudabili providencia. Datum sub sigillo nostro visitatorio, anno, mense, die et loco supradictis.

444. Names of the Community of Hales Owen. **1494.**

NOMINA CONFRATRUM MONASTERII DE HALESOWENE. A. fol. 116 b.

Dominus Thomas Bruge, abbas.
Frater Johannes Sawndurs, prior.
,, Ricardus Bakyne, supprior.
,, Ricardus Hylle, vicarius de Hales. } Presbiteri.
,, Johannes Hay, vicarius de Clent. } Presbiteri.
,, Johannes Seed, vicarius de Walsalle. } Presbiteri.
,, Thomas de Cokesey, prior de Dodforde. } Presbiteri.
,, Rogerus Walsalle. } Presbiteri.
,, Ricardus Hamptone. } Presbiteri.

Frater Rogerus Wednsbury. } Presbiteri.
,, Ricardus Hales. } Presbiteri.
,, Thomas Dudley, diaconus.
,, Ricardus Whittyntone, subdiaconus.
,, Willelmus Tayler, subdiaconus.
,, Thomas Derby, subdiaconus.
,, Ricardus Bryge, accolitus.
,, Willelmus Poole } novicii.
,, Thomas Kynare } novicii.
,, Robertus Boolde } novicii.

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30 August. 1497.

445. Visitation of Hales Owen.

Two canons charged with the gravest offences are punished. A rebellion against the abbot was brought home to some, and punishment for grave offences ordered, which at the prayers of the abbot was held over, to see whether there were true signs of amendment. Silence is not well observed: the repair of the buildings must be seen to.

Nomina Fratrum Monasterii de Halesowene.

A. fol. 133.

Dominus Thomas Bruge.
Frater Ricardus Bakyne, suprior.
„ Rogerus Walsalle.
„ Ricardus Hamptone.
„ Rogerus Wodesbery.
„ Ricardus Hales.
„ Thomas Dudley.
„ Willelmus Talyour.
„ Thomas Derby.
„ Ricardus Bruge.
„ Wyllelmus Poolle.
Frater Thomas Kynvare.
„ Robertus Bolde.
„ Ricardus Hulle, quondam vicarius de Hales.
„ Johannes Sawnders, vicarius de Hales.
„ Johannes Seede, vicarius de Walsalle.
„ Johannes Hay, vicarius de Clent.
„ Thomas Cokesey, custos de Dodforde.

Visitacio Monasterii de Halesowene.[1]

f. 133 b.

Anno Domini MCCCCLXXXXVII., penultimo vero die mensis Augusti, Nos Ricardus etc., assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro, domino abbati monasterii de Talley, visitavimus monasterium de Halesowen, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Wigorniensis diocesis, in quo quidem plura ibidem comperimus enormia; videlicet frater Rogerus Walsalle super et de apostasia, inobediencia, de consilio suo ad infantis infra materna viscera existentis extinccionem, eciam de maxima insurreccione multorum juniorum de Hales contra abbatem, et vicarium ejusdem de

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conspiracione contra prelatum, ad quam plures allicit fratres et juramento invicem constrinxerunt, fuit detectus; super quibus premissis impetitus legitime negare non potuit, licet asseruit in multis non esse reum, suaque considerata nequicia injunximus eidem ad monasterium de Croxtone per decennium, ibidem carcere mancipandum. Contra Ricardum Bakyne objicitur de predicta conspiracione, et de mulieribus in locis suspectis habitis, de qua conspiracione juramento affirmata se reum testatus est, cui eandem injunximus penam gravioris culpe xl. dierum et per triennium in monasterio Sancte Agathe emittendum. Ad dictam insuper conspiracionem juramento affirmandum fratres Ricardus Hamptone, Rogerus Wodesbery, Thomas Dudley, se culpabiles non negarunt, quos in pena gravioris culpe xl. dierum per triennium prout subinfertur duximus emittendos, videlicet Ricardus Hamptone ad monasterium de Barlynges, Rogerus Wodesbery ad monasterium de Neuhous, et Thomas Dudley ad monasterium de Westderham; quibus anxie et lacrimabiliter misericordiam implorantibus, immo verius ad intercessionem proprii eorum prelati, necnon venerabilis confratris nostri de Talley, et omnium fratrum suorum, tam culpam quam penam eorundem, usque ad proximum provinciale Capitulum ex eorum religiosa interim conversacione, reliquimus continuandam. Non modicam inibi invenimus dissolucionem silencii, et quod non debite surgunt ad matutinas, plures sepius quibus deinceps delinquentibus, sine aliqua remissione, una die injungatur jejunandum. Et reparaciones monasterii prout poterit dictus abbas faciat, ac super gregem sibi commissum diligencius pervigilet sicuti Summo respondere duxerit Judici. Debita dicte ecclesie consistunt infra summam l. librarum. In animalibus et granis retroactis temporibus minime melius provisa. Datum etc.

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17 May, 1500.

446. Names of the Community and Visitation of Hales Owen.

Bishop Redman finds nothing of a serious kind to correct. He speaks about the better keeping of silence, and points out to the abbot that the buildings stand in need of repair.

NOMINA FRATRUM MONASTERII DE HALESOWEN.[1]

A. fol. 147.

Dominus Thomas Bruge, abbas.
,, Johannes Hay, quondam abbas.

Sacerdotes:
Frater Ricardus Hylle, prior.
,, Ricardus Bakyne, supprior.
,, Thomas Kokesey.
,, Johannes Sawnders.
,, Rogerus Walsalle.
,, Ricardus Hamptone.
Frater Rogerus Weddnsbury.
,, Thomas Dudley.
,, Willelmus Tayler.
,, Thomas Derby.
,, Willelmus Burne.
,, Ricardus Bryghe.

,, Willelmus Pole, subdiaconus.

novicii:
,, Thomas Kynfare
,, Robertus Boolde

VISITACIO EJUSDEM.

Anno Domini millesimo v^c^, xvii die vero mensis Maii, Nos Ricardus, assumpto nobiscum predilecto confratre nostro, Roberto Bedalle, canonico professo et sacerdote nostri dicti monasterii de Schappare, visitavimus monasterium de Halesowen, nostri Ordinis Premonstratensis, Wigorniensis diocesis; ubi nulla criminosa ibidem sunt reperta, sed magis retroacta in melius reformata. Maximam tamen comperimus silencii et observancie necligenciam, quas in melius iterata vice priori et suppriori precipimus districtissime, sub pena statuti, sine aliqua dispensacione delinquentibus imponenda reformari. Non modicam insuper ibidem conspeximus domorum reparacionem necessarie aliqua sine mora

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incipiendam, quam ab abbate promissam recipimus toto pro posse finiendam. Dicta ecclesia || ad majora non tenetur debita quam eidem debentur. In granis et animalibus satis solito more instaurata. Data etc. f. 147 b.

447. Election of Edmund Greyne as Abbot of Hales Owen. **4 July, 1505.**

The election held by the abbot of Welbeck on the death of Thomas Brige or Bridges or Bruges. The new abbot was Prior of Hornby.

Universis S. Matris Ecclesie filiis presentes literas visuris vel audituris, Thomas,[1] Dei patientia, abbas monasterii B. Marie Sanctique Jacobi apostoli de Welbek, Ordinis Premonstratensis, Eboracensis diocesis, salutem in Domino sempiternam. P. fol. 34. (Reg. Prem. f. 127 b.)

Universitati vestre per presentes volumus innotescere, quod, nuper vacante ecclesia nostra filiali de Halesowen, nostri dicti Ordinis, Wygorniensis diocesis (que nostra est filia specialis), per mortem pie memorie fratris Thome Brige, nuper abbatis ejusdem; ipsius corpore ecclesiastice tradito sepulture; ne, ex vacatione diutina, ipsa ecclesia gravia sustineret incommoda, secundum Ordinis nostri privilegia et statuta, assignavimus fratribus dicte ecclesie sic vacantis, diem electionis novi abbatis in eadem faciende, viz. diem mensis Julii quartum; discernentes et precipientes fratres absentes qui deberent, et electionis negotio supradicte commode interesse possent, ad predictam diem, in dicta domo capitulari, solicite esse convocandos.

Quo die Missa de Spiritu Sancto ante omnia (ut moris est) celebrata; nobiscumque, una cum venerabili fratre nostro abbate de Dala, ac omnibus fratribus dicte ecclesie, in domo capitulari ipsius ecclesie existentibus; monuimus ut omnes et singuli excommunicati, suspensi vel interdicti (si qui essent), capitulum exirent et recederent, alios libere eligere permittentes; protestando,

[1] Thomas Wilkinson.

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quod non fuit intentionis nostre seu fratrum ecclesie predicte, in presentia talium, ad electionem novi abbatis procedere quoquomodo; et lecto capitulo statutorum nostri Ordinis de novo abbate faciendo; invocata prius Spiritus Sancti gratia, tandem placuit omnibus et singulis dicte ecclesie fratribus, eidem ecclesie sic
f 34 b. vacanti de pastore || idoneo per viam inspirationis divine providere, prout statuta nostri Ordinis predicti exigunt et requirunt.

Qui tunc invicem divertentes, statim, favente gratia Dei, fratrem Edmundum Greyne, priorem de Horneby (virum utique providum et discretum, in spiritualibus et temporalibus laudabiliter circumspectum, vita et moribus plurimum commendandum, sacris ordinibus et etate legitima constitutum, et in matrimonio legitime procreatum, scientem etiam et volentem jura ecclesie sue tueri) nominaverunt, ac nullo penitus discordante, concorditer postulaverunt, et elegerunt; supplicaveruntque nobis dicti confratres humiliter et devote, ut dictam electionem et personam electam, [auctoritate nostra paterna, dignaremur confirmare.

Nos vero, dictam electionem et personam] diligenter examinantes, nulloque vitio in eisdem invento, ipsum fratrem Edmundum Greyne, in abbatem et pastorem dicte ecclesie, rite (ut premittitur) electum, ac electionem ejusdem canonice factam, auctoritate supradicta approbamus, ratificamus, et tenore presentium confirmamus.

Quibus peractis, omnes ipsius ecclesie confratres, electionem et confirmationem predictas gratanter acceptantes, ipsum electum et confirmatum ad ecclesiam deportantes, *Te Deum laudamus* solemniter decantaverunt.

Quo quidem psalmo decantato, ipsum electum et per nos confirmatum installavimus, et in possessionem dicte ecclesie induximus corporalem, campanas dicte ecclesie in manibus suis tradendo.

Et nobis, ac omnibus dicte ecclesie confratribus, ad capitulum iterato reversis; singuli dicte ecclesie fratres et professi surrexerunt, et dicto electo (sic per nos confirmato) obedientiam

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manualem fecerunt, tradito per nos prius sigillo ministrationis sue.

Omnia premissa et singula omnibus quorum interest, vel interesse poterit, notificavimus per presentes.

In quorum omnium testimonium, sigillum nostrum, una cum sigillo dicti venerabilis confratris nostri de Dala, sigilloque communi dicti monasterii, presentibus duximus apponendum.

Datum in monasterio predicto de Halesowen, iv. die mensis Julii, anno Domino MCCCCCV.

448. Inventory of Hales Owen on the death of the Abbot. 1505.

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INVENTORIUM DE DIVERSIS CATALLIS ET ALIIS PERTINENTIIS MONASTERII DE HALES-OWEN ANNO DOM. MDV. APUD MORTEM D. THOME BRUGES, NUPER ABBATIS IBIDEM FACTUM. P. fol. 32. (Reg. Prem. f. 130 a.)

At the Home Grange.

1. xliiii. oxon; a bull, & xii. heffers.

At Harrys.

2. xxxiiii. yonge bests; a barren cow.

At Dodford.

3. a bull, xviii. kye, & viii. heffer.

At the Laghtyng-House.

4. xii. kye, & a bull, & an heffer.

At Usmore.

5. iii. barren kye.
6. viii. oxon belongynge to the celerer, & iiii. fatt beves for the kechyn.
7. vii^{xx} schepe & iii^{xx} lambys.

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Beddyng in the Abbotts Chambre.

1. ii. fedur-bedds, with a palet coverlit with tyke.[1]
2. a matras, with a peyr of blanketts.
3. iiii. stamells, ii bolsters, & a pelowe.
4. a qwylt off whitt, wroght with nedyll-wake.
5. iiii. tapetts, ii. coverletts, & x. qwuschynggs.

Napre.

1. vi. burd-cloths of diapur.
2. iii. burd-cloths playn, with viii. towells.

In the new Chambre.

1. a fedur-bede; a qwilte coverid with red sylke.
2. a red coverlit wlth dolfyns.

In [the] Calys.

1. iii. matras; i. blankett; v. coverlits; ii. peyr of schetts; & ii. bolsturs.

In the Ostre.

1. In the stewarde chambre: a fedyr-bede, a mattras, iii. bolsturs, a pelow, a peyr of blanketts, iii. coverlets, & ii. tapetts.
2. In the medyll chambyr: ii. mattras, a qwylt & iiii. coverletts.
3. In botulphus chambyr: a fedyr-bede, a mattras, ii. coverletts. || ii. bolsturs, a pelow, a coverlet of greyn sey, with garters; & iiii. peyr of schetts.

fol. 32 b.

(Plate) in the Abbatts Chambyr.

1. a garnysch of sylver vesell, with ii. gret chargers.
2. ii. basyns & ii. ewers of sylver.
3. ii. gret salts of sylver.
4. one smale salt gylde.
5. ii. bolls, with ii. covers of sylver.
6. one boll, with a cover, of sylver.
7. a standynge cuppe, callyde lacy.

[1] *I.e.* tick.

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8. iii. sylver potts.
9. a poundred pece, with a covyr sylver.
10. iiii. smale masirs.
11. a goblet with a cover of sylver.
12. iii. dosen & v. sylver sponys.
13. iii. peces of sylver without covers.

At S. Kenelmes.

1. a lytyll shryne, with odur reliques therin.
2. a hede of Seynt Kenelme, sylver & gylde
3. a crowne sylver & gylt; with a ceptur of sylver.
4. a pyx of sylver.
5. a chales gyld, with a pax-brede sylver & gyld.
6. a schipp of sylver.

In the Tresor-Howse.

1. a processyon crosse of sylver, gylde & enamelde.
2. a dowbull crosse of ire, closed with sylver.
3. a small stondyng crosse of sylver & gylt.
4. a schryne of Seynt Barbars hede, of sylver, and gylt; with crosses & bedds upon itt.
5. ii. cowps of sylver & gylt, a more alaffe [sic], with vii. chales of sylver & gyld.
6. a pardon boxe, sylver & gyld, with precious stonys; with a pax brede, sylver & gylt, & enameld.
7. ii. peyr of cruetts of sylver & gylt.
8. ii. basyns of sylver, with a parcell gyld.
9. a holy water fate & spryngull of sylver. fol. 33.
10. a crosse staffe of sylver & gylt.
11. the hed of anoder crosse staffe, of sylver.
12. a schyppe of sylver, for encense.
13. a tixte of tre, coverit with sylver & gyld.
14. a pax brede of tre, coverit with coper & gylt.
15. iii. censars of sylver & one gylde.
16. a lytyll bell, sylver & gyltt.

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XVIII. HORNBY (Cell of Croxton).

Hornby priory in the county of Lancaster was never an independent house, but remained from the date of its foundation, about the year 1270, to its dissolution in the sixteenth century, a cell of Croxton Abbey. Some few of its priors are made known in the documents here printed. They are:

1279. Robert de Gaddesby (No. 329).
1475. Thomas Kelyt (No. 333).
1482. Johannes Whyteley (No. 338).
1486. Thomas Wyther or Wedur (No. 340).
1490 (oc.). Elias Hatersatage (No. 345).
1497–1500. Edmund Grayne (Nos. 347, 348, 447; *Journal of Archæol. Assoc.* xxxiv. p. 346).
1536 (oc.) William Halydaye (*Valor Eccl.* iv. 151).

XIX. IRFORD, IXFORD, OR URFORD.

Irford Priory of nuns of the Order of Prémontré was situated in Lincolnshire. Very little is known of it, and the only names of the prioresses to be found are:

1341. Juliana de Redmere (*Cal. Rot. Claus.* 15 *Edw. III.* p. 224).
1537. Joanna Tompson (*Dep. Keep. Rept.* viii. p. 24).

At the surrender of the house on 11 July, 1540, the following was the list of the community:

Johanna Thompson.
Cecilia Turner — Alice Chapman.
Catherine Moreley — Alice Dowebridge, *alias* Dowbray.

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449. Irford or Urford. **Undated.**

Regulation as to the reception of nuns made at some Visitation the date of which is unknown.

DE MONIALIBUS, QUALES ESSE DEBENT.

Anno Domini etc. Nos etc., assumptis etc., visitavimus etc., corrigentes etc. P. fol. 37. (Reg. Prem. fol. 7.)

Precipientes firmiter et districte, ne aliqua monialis in ecclesia nostri Ordinis de G. recipiatur, nisi tali forma quali recepte sunt apud Yreford et Brodholme; viz.: quod sint habiles ad legendum et cantandum, [pro]ut in statutis Ordinis est contentum. Status etc.

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